



# Halstead First Mennonite Church

March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to worship as we continue in  
the season of Lent. May we listen for  
Jesus' voice, rest in his care  
and share his love with others.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick

*O Mensch, Bewein' Dein' Sunde Gross* - Bach

**Welcome and Announcements** – Denice Klassen

**Centering Music** – Kent Dick

*Dona Nobis Pacem* - Mozart

**Call to Worship** – Bringing our Burdens

**\*Praise Song** – *At Your Feet* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Praise Song** – *How Firm a Foundation* – HWB #567

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics for the first system are: 1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed, 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie, 5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose, The second system continues the lyrics: 1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! 2 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid. 3 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow, 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply. 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes. The third system continues: 1 What more can he say than to you he hath said, 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless, 4 The flame shall not hurt thee. I on - ly de - sign 5 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, The fourth system concludes the lyrics: 1 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand. 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress. 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine. 5 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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**Offering & Offertory** – MC USA

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* – Peterson

**Scripture –**        Philipians 4:6-9 (pg. 1830); Numbers 6:22-27 (pg. 215)

**Children's Story –** Casey Jacob

**Worship Song –** *God is Here Among Us* – HWB #16

1 God is here a - mong us; let us all a - dore him, and with  
2 Come, a-bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry, be thine  
3 Glad - ly we sur - ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of

awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us; soul, in  
earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spir - it, with trans -  
life, and sin - ful plea - sures. Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to

si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him. Now his own  
fig - ured splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der. Where I go  
be for - ev - er, soul and life and each en - deav - or. Thou a - lone

who have known God in wor - ship low - ly yield their spir - its whol - ly.  
here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.  
shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are divided into four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The score is presented in a clean, black-and-white format, suitable for a children's worship book.

**Worship Song** – *Nothing to Fear* – Lyrics Projected

**Pastoral Prayer**

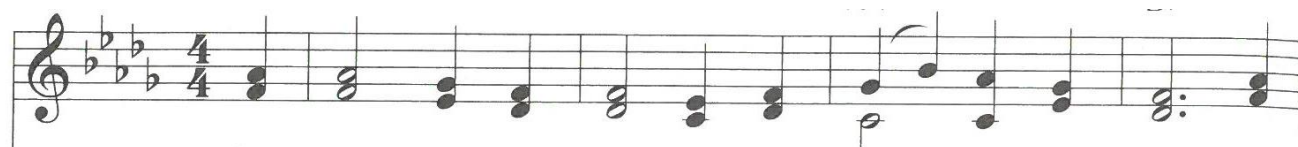
**Message** – *Peace in Presence* – Pastor Steve

**Response Song** – *Abide with Me* – Lyrics Projected

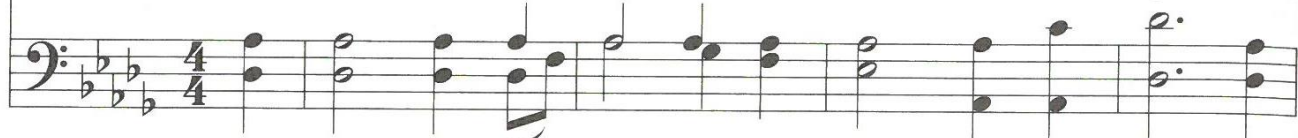
**Closing Prayer**



**\*Sending Song – When Peace Like a River – VT #617**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 Re - deemed! Oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought: My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



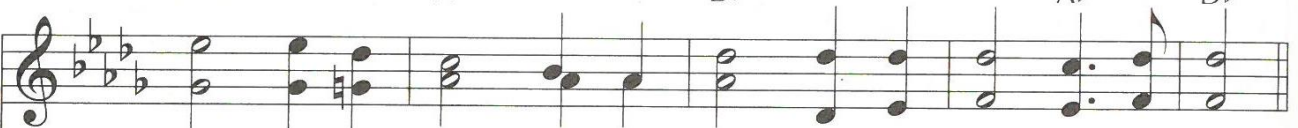
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 Bbm Eb Ab Db Gb



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin— not in part, but the whole—is nailed to his cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound, and the



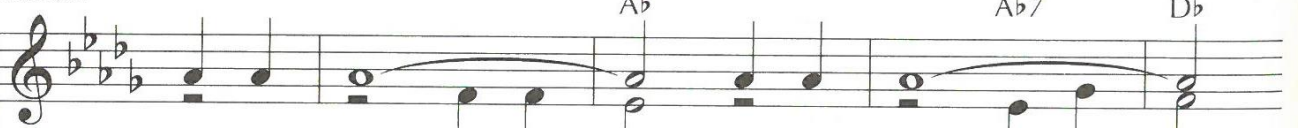
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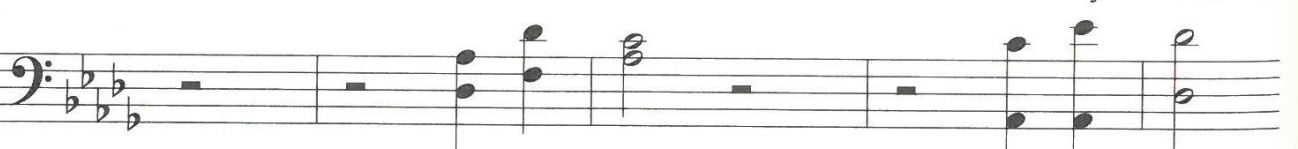
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul,





\*Please stand if you are able.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

March 4-6		MCC Comforter Blitz
March 5	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
March 6	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	6:45 pm	Adult Bible Study
March 7	7:00 pm	Girls Scouts
March 10	2:30 pm	Mennonite Mens Chorus Practice
	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
	6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
March 11	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Secretary Notes:** Bill & Anna Lee Ewert are moving to Newton this week. Their new address will be 21 Friendship Lane, Newton, KS 67114. Please make this change in your church directory. A letter has been received from Phanu Dopphoopa. It is posted on the mission bulletin board.

**Girl Scouts Cookie Sales are happening in Halstead!** The scouts are hoping to raise money for horseback riding. Opportunities for purchasing cookies are March 3 from 1-5 pm at the Halstead Senior Center. Cookies are \$5 per box.

**A big Thank You to all who helped with our Verenike Supper** on February 17! For all the food that was prepared and donated, volunteers in the morning and throughout the whole day of the supper, contributing gifts, inviting others to attend and more, we are grateful! We served over 560 meals between dine-in and drive-thru and brought in over \$11,000 before expenses to support our local community.

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS):** The 2024 Relief Sale will be April 12-13, 2024 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Items for the general auction are being gathered. The Run For Relief Poster/information is on the bulletin board. Various sign-up opportunities are available on the KMRS website at [kansas.mccsale.org](https://kansas.mccsale.org). Alan & Marilyn Mueller are our church liaisons.

**Mark your calendar now for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz**, March 4-6 just outside of Yoder, Kansas. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](https://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](https://mcc.org/kits).

**The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit** will have their annual Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to join the meeting via a zoom link, Meeting ID 863-3303-1076, Passcode 933584. If you have any questions please contact Cleo Koop at [Cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:Cleohkoop@gmail.com).

**MCC partner Team Brownsville welcomes your gently used winter coats and jackets!** Team Brownsville seeks to share God's love by welcoming asylum seekers, including providing them with warm coats. It's as easy as collecting your gently used coats and jackets, boxing them up and shipping (up to) 70 lb./box to Team Brownsville – just follow the instructions on the poster on the bulletin board. Spring clean your closets and help Team Brownsville prepare for next winter! Have questions? Please email the MCC Central States Immigration Team at [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) and either Abraham Diaz Alonso or Becky Teiwes, will respond.

**Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoscah** sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch, and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. Register by March 18 by e-mailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**, April 19-21 is open. Lodging will be in the bunkhouses and activities will be in the Dining Hall. Bunkhouses are heated and space heaters will be available for the Dining Hall, if the weather is cool. This retreat is later than usual, so we're hoping for balmy spring weather for good walks and beautiful nature. Register online at [campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com](http://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com).

**Sun., March 3 – Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert**, directed by Dr. Henry S. Waters, 4 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. The concert has the theme “Music Exploring American Identity” and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road.

**Tues., March 5** – Bethel College Jazz, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Thurs., March 7** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Fri., March 8** – Bethel College’s Faculty Lecture Series continues with Christine Crouse-Dick, professor of communication arts, and Peter Goerzen, assistant professor of Bible and religion, “Walking Toward Racial Healing: The Transformative Potential of Shared Stories, Empathy and Listening,” 11 a.m., *Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village*

**Sun., March 17 & Mon., March 18** – Hartzler Bible Lectures at Bethel College with César Garcia, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, and Sandra Baez, pastor and executive assistant to the general secretary; Sunday: 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*; Monday: 11 a.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Now in the Regier Art Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “Transmutation Speculation: Fluid Nature,” works by Marguerite Perret, through March 22. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Ahoy Matey! It’s time again for the Pine Village Anchor’s Banquet!** Come and hear Kilometer 81, while supporting Pine Village by attending this year’s Anchor’s Banquet to benefit the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. The event will be on Friday, March

22 in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Dinner will begin at 6 pm, with the meal being provided by Pine Village Catering. We are grateful for your support! Tickets are \$100 and all the proceeds will go to the endowment fund. Make your reservations by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901. Reservation deadline is Monday, March 18. For more information or to purchase tickets online visit our website at [www.pinevillageks.org](http://www.pinevillageks.org)



## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Praise God for the birth of Walker Joel Watts, son to Jordan and Logan Watts, born on Feb. 22. Walker is the great-grandson of Bill & Anna Lee Ewert. Congratulations!
- Please pray for Brad Rodenberg's mom, Dorothy, who broke her hip. She had surgery this week that went well, praise God. Pray for a good and quick recovery as she begins that process.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for those who serve on WDC's four commissions, and pray for the commissions as they each meet this week to nurture church planting, sustain healthy ministerial leadership, resource congregations, and guide stewardship of the financial, staff and office resources that support these conference ministries.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will begin a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage, organized by Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for open minds and hearts as participants focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

**NURSERY TODAY** Raquel Wilcox, Kaitlen Ortman, Eli Wilcox

**PIANIST/ORGANIST** Kent Dick

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Designated)	\$876.00
Church Budget	1,850.00
Camp Mennoscah	500.00
Mennonite Mission Network	500.00
Verenike	160.00
Western District Conference	130.00
MC USA	90.00
February Birthday	30.00
Wednesday Supper (Feb. 21)	78.00

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK** 83

**OFFERING NEXT WEEK** Church Budget

**NURSERY NEXT WEEK** Kristin Burckhart, Marilyn Mueller, Kalyn Ortman