

... this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead ...

Philippians 3:13, NRSV

Halstead First Mennonite Church

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*"God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son" (John 3:16). May you
sense that divine love through this
time of worship. Welcome.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship – Bringing our Burdens

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

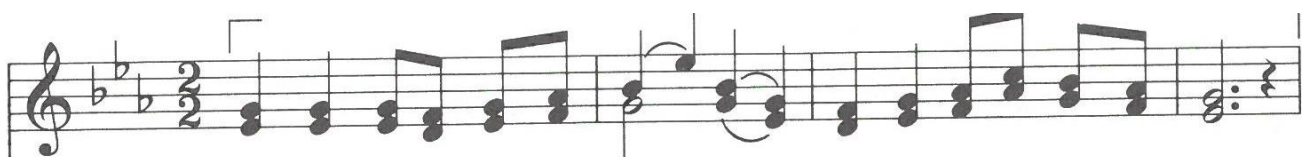
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People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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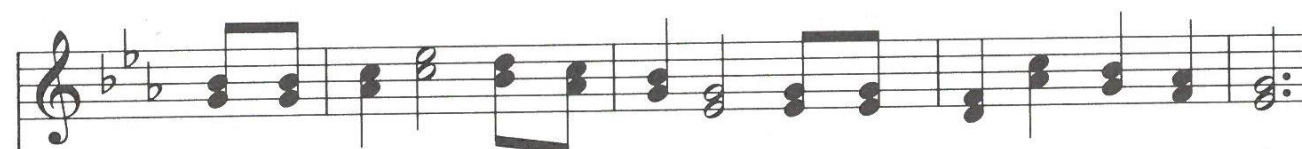
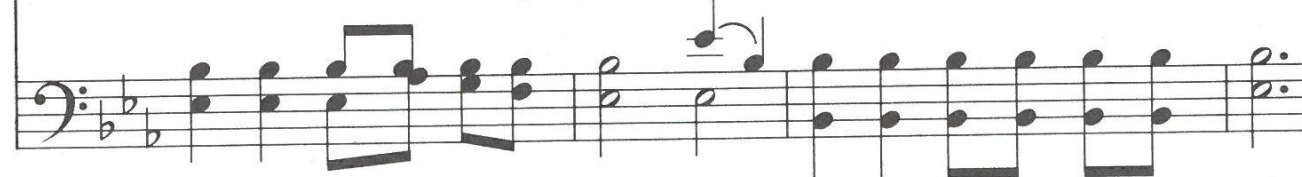
***Praise Song – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – HWB #355**



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care.
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear-ly let us do thy will.



In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 Keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! hear, O hear us, when we pray.
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***Praise Song – Guide my Feet – HWB #546**

Leader All

1,6 Guide my feet while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain!
(race in vain!)

- 2 Hold my hand...
- 3 Stand by me...
- 4 I'm your child...
- 5 Search my heart...

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Scripture – Numbers 10:11-16 (pg. 223); Philippians 3:12-16 (pg. 1829)

Children's Story – Casey Jacob

Worship Song – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – VT #606

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing wa - ters
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-

land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
flow. Let the fier - y, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
side. Death of death and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on

pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of hea - ven, feed me till I
jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er

want no more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
strength and shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
give to thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

Chord symbols: G, D, G, Am7/C, G/D, D, G, D7, G, D7, G, Am7/C, G/D, D7, G

Worship Song – *Thy Word* – Lyrics Projected

Pastoral Prayer

Message – *Time to Move* – Pastor Steve

Response Song – *Step by Step* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 10	2:30 pm	Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice
March 11	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society
March 17	2:30 pm	Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice
	6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
March 18	6:00 pm	Nurture & Mission Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Lost and Found table is located under the coat racks. This is the last day to claim your items! After today all items will be donated to the Et Cetera Shop in Newton. Don't miss your chance!

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 information is on the bulletin board. Various sign-up opportunities are available on the KMRS website at kansas.mccsale.org. *Please sign-up to help at Feeding the Multitude meal on the KMRS website. Check with James & Debbie if you have questions about that!* Alan & Marilyn Mueller are our church liaisons for any other questions.

Save-the-date! Mark your calendars for our Camp Mennoscah weekend, May 4 & 5. You don't want to miss it!

Thank you for joining Mennonite Mission Network through your generous donation of \$9,318.02 in 2023. In the past year, we have partnered with 116 organizations and churches worldwide and have 78 workers and partners ministering in 45 countries. We are grateful for your continued commitment to our shared mission and look forward to updating you on the impact of your donations. Blessings to you as you continue to be a beacon of God's light in your community and beyond.

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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Women in Ministry Webinar: "The Hope Filled Persistence of Women in Ministry" will be shared on Zoom, Monday, March 11 at 6 pm. To register and read more information see mennoniteusa.org/ministry/church-vitality/women-in-leadership.

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.

Three Groups, One Story video will be shown on Tuesday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Pine Village Chapel in Moundridge (620-345-2901, thomas.nichols@pinevillageks.org). Southeast South Dakota is the only place in the world where Low German Mennonites, Swiss Volhynian Mennonites and Hutterites settled side by side in the 1870s near Freeman, South Dakota. An 80-minute documentary tells their stories of moving across Europe searching for refuge from persecution and a place to live peacefully. You will hear from Robert Engbrecht, Norman Hofer and S. Roy Kaufman and also from Marnette D. Hofer, executive director of the Heritage Hall Museum in Freeman. No cost. You are invited to learn about these three groups and their story.

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. Register by March 18 by e-mailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

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*

Thurs., March 21 – Artist talk by Marguerite Perret, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; sponsored by BCWA's Carolyn Schultz Lectureship. Perret's exhibit, "Transmutation Speculation: Fluid Nature," is in the Regier Art Gallery (regular hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 2-4 p.m.; closed for spring break, March 10-17).

Fri., March 22, Sat., March 23, Sun., March 24 – Spring play at Bethel College, *Rancho Mirage* by Steven Dietz, Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m. matinee, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center). Friday evening performance interpreted for the d/Deaf community. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop; online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/>; or at the door). NOTE: Adult content, not suitable for children.

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

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.

Kauffman Museum, an affiliate of Bethel College, seeks a full-time Traveling Exhibits Coordinator. Applicants should be willing to travel to venues across North America, be able to coordinate exhibit scheduling and contracts, possess exceptional interpersonal skills, have mechanical aptitude, be able to work independently and do physical labor, and enjoy working with volunteers at a variety of venues. For the link to a complete job description, see <https://KauffmanMuseum.org/traveling/>

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please pray for Sara Dick's brother Robert who is caring for his wife Cindy in ICU in Oklahoma City. She has fought cancer for a number of years and the doctors think her body is just tired. She was admitted Sunday and a decision to take her off the vent might need to be made. Pray for their family.
- Pray for Bill & Anna Lee's granddaughter, Megan, who is experiencing difficulty with her kidney transplant.
- Be in prayer for Bill & Anna Lee as they transitioned to their new home in Newton this week.
- Pray for Cody Dyck's uncle Gerald who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer recently.
- Keep Kaitlen Ortman and family in prayer as they mourn the loss of her grandmother last week.
- Be in prayer for Mary Bean's brother Tom. Pray that the cancer is easily treatable and for a complete recovery.
- Continue to pray for Cameron Nightingale as he has had some new set-backs in his recovery and continues to receive dialysis four times per week and received a feeding tube for nutrition.
- Please pray for Brad Rodenberg's mom, Dorothy, who broke her hip. Pray for a good and quick recovery.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for pastors, worship planners, and musicians in WDC congregations, as they give special attention to shaping the church's journey through the season of Lent and Easter.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach, who has served with MMN in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Kristin Burckhart, Marilyn Mueller, Kalyn Ortman
PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

MC USA (Designated)	\$788.75
Church Budget	2,895.00
Bethel College	50.00
Neighbors	100.00
Verenike	55.00
Wednesday Supper	114.75

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK 95

OFFERING NEXT WEEK Bethel College

NURSERY NEXT WEEK Casey Jacob, Maranda Whorton, Megan Ortman