



Halstead First Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit
within me" (Psalm 51:10).
Welcome to worship!*

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

O Sacred Head Sore Wounded – Bock/Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements – Gregg Dick

Centering Music – Kent Dick

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Bradford

Call to Worship

Leader: The goodness of God beckons,

People: calling us to goodness and grace.

Leader: The grace of God redeems,

People: saving us and making us whole.

Leader: The love of God welcomes,

People: inviting us to worship and praise.

***Praise Song – Come, Thou Fount – VT #563**

1 Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy help I'm come,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God.
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 He, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

***Praise Song – You are My All in All – Lyrics Projected**

Offering & Offertory – Bethel College
Holy Manna – Lau Kent Dick

Scripture – Numbers 11:4-6 (pg. 224); John 6:54-56 (pg. 1658)

Children's Story – Casey Jacob

Worship Song – *Seek Ye First* – VT #417

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and

This system contains the first three staves of the song. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Chords D, F#m, G, D, and G are indicated above the piano staff. The lyrics are written below the piano staff, with two verses of text provided.

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

This system contains the next three staves. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'le - lu - ia, al - le -'. The piano accompaniment includes chords D, Em7, A7, D, and F#m. The lyrics continue with 'right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be' and 'ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be'.

lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

G D G D Em7 A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

This system contains the final three staves. The vocal line concludes with 'lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment includes chords G, D, G, D, Em7, A, and D. The lyrics conclude with 'add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!' and 'o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!'.

Worship Song – *Draw Me Close* – Lyrics Projected

Pastoral Prayer

Message – *What Do You Crave?* – Pastor Steve

Response Song – *Change My Heart oh God* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *Your Grace is Enough* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick
Holy, Holy, Holy - Livingston

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 17	2:30 pm	Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice
March 18	6:00 pm	Nurture & Mission Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
March 19	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
	9:00 am	Prayer Team
March 20	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
March 22	6:00 pm	Pine Village Anchor Banquet
March 24	2:30 pm	Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice
	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
	6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: Please remember to press “Run Program” on the church thermostat’s when you are finished in an area if you change the setting. The thermostat’s are set to run a specific program and if “hold” is selected, the program is no longer selected. Several of our thermostat’s have been left on for an undetermined amount of time and this affects our energy usage. Thank you!

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

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS): The 2024 KMRS is coming soon, April 12-13, and items are needed as well as volunteer help prior to the sale and on the sale days. At kansas.mccsale.org you can see all the opportunities there are for you to be involved. A poster is on the bulletin board with information about Run for Relief. Talk with James & Debbie if you would like to help with Feeding the Multitude. Talk with Alan & Marilyn (our church liaisons) if you have questions about other sale related opportunities.

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.

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.

Women & Girls Save the Date! Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

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 – Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series continues with Jennifer Chappell Deckert, associate professor of social work, "Begin with the Body: Somatic Listening for Trauma Healing," 11 a.m., *Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village*

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.

Fri., March 22 – Wingspan Game Night at Kauffman Museum (2801 N. Main St., North Newton), 7 p.m. All welcome, whether expert or beginner; those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult game partner. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for anyone 16 and younger, and includes snacks, beverages and Wingspan games to use. Held in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibition, "A Day with the Birds"; see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/wingspan-game-night/>

All interested singers are invited to participate in Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert, to be held April 28, featuring Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Scores are available starting March 18 and rehearsals begin Tuesday, April 2. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Auu4FaYBcaLwKDuF6> so that your contact information is available for digital rehearsal materials, etc., or come to the first rehearsal April 2, 6 p.m., Choir Room in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

There is still time to RSVP 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. Tickets are \$100 and all the proceeds will go to the endowment fund. Make your reservations by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901 or on-line at www.pinevillageks.org. Reservation deadline is Monday, March 18. This remains the Endowment Foundations largest and only fundraiser, so we are grateful for your continued support!

We will put the dam back in on March 24 at 2pm at Camp Mennohcah. Everyone is welcome to help or watch. The process of putting the boards back in is not for young ages due to the ungainly size and weight of the boards, but watching is great! The dam goes back in a couple of weeks before Men and Boys Retreat with the hope of washing out the fishing holes. Be there for the beginning of canoe and kayak fun!

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.

Nurses needed for the weeks of First Camp, June 20-22; Junior High 2, July 7-12; and Junior 2, July 14-19. Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

A Goodly Heritage, a musical drama sharing a history of the Swiss Volynian Mennonites, will be held Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 and Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge. One of many groups of Mennonites moving to the U.S. in the 1870's, the Schweitzers settled near (what is now) Moundridge, Kansas, and Freeman, South Dakota. Mennonites were part of the larger Anabaptist movement that began in Europe in the early 1500's. The drama seeks to explain the religious beliefs underlying the Anabaptist movement, and the journey over centuries that brought these groups to America. The cast is made up of Schweitzer's and friends, adults and children, from McPherson County and surrounding areas. Jenny Schrag, who wrote the drama and composed some of the music, is directing, along with Dawn Abrahams. Bonita Howard is the choir director. Lyrics and music are by Jenny Schrag, with hymns from Voices Together and The Mennonite Hymnal (used with permission). The drama is one of the events of the 150th celebration of forebears coming to the U.S. in 1874. Admission is free.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @ 01/01/24	8,613.26
January Receipts	7,246.21
January Expenses	<u>(13,059.80)</u>
Budget Balance @ 01/31/24	2,799.67
February Receipts	11,238.96
February Expenses	<u>(10,614.32)</u>
Budget Balance @ 02/29/24	3,424.31

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 Cody Dyck's uncle Gerald who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer recently.
- Be in prayer for Mary Bean's brother Tom. Pray that the cancer is easily treatable and for a complete recovery.
- Western District Conference: Pray for representatives from WDC traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Casey Jacob, Maranda Whorton, Megan Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget (Designated)	\$2,513.00
AMBS	150.00
Bethel College	40.00
MCC	150.00
MC USA	60.00
Neighbors	190.00
Wednesday Supper (March 6)	67.00

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK 73

OFFERING NEXT WEEK Neighbors Store

NURSERY NEXT WEEK Ruth Mueller, Jason Mueller, Josie Whorton