

Halstead First Mennonite Church

March 24, 2024

Welcome to worship this Palm [and Passion] Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.


Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Ruth Mueller
March Birthday Blessing & Offering


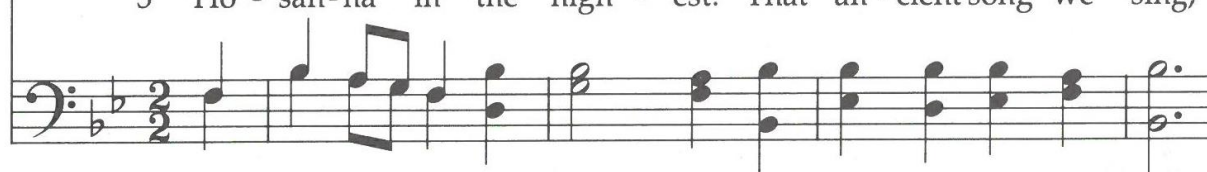
Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship



***Praise Song – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – HWB #238**





1 Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil-dren sang.
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



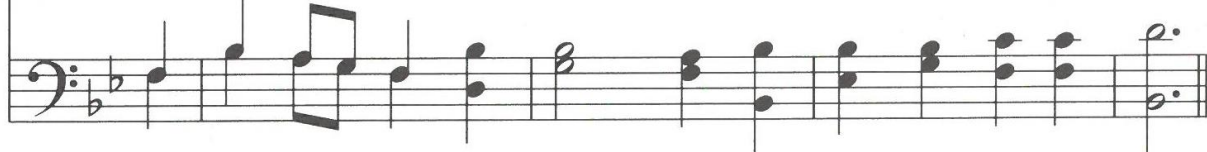
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm-branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'nour king.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!



***Praise Song – All Glory, Laud, and Honor – HWB #237**

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,

2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high,

3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;

4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;

5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

1 who in the Lord's name com - eth, the King and bless - ed one.

2 and we, with all cre - a - tion, in chor - us make re - ply.

3 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.

4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

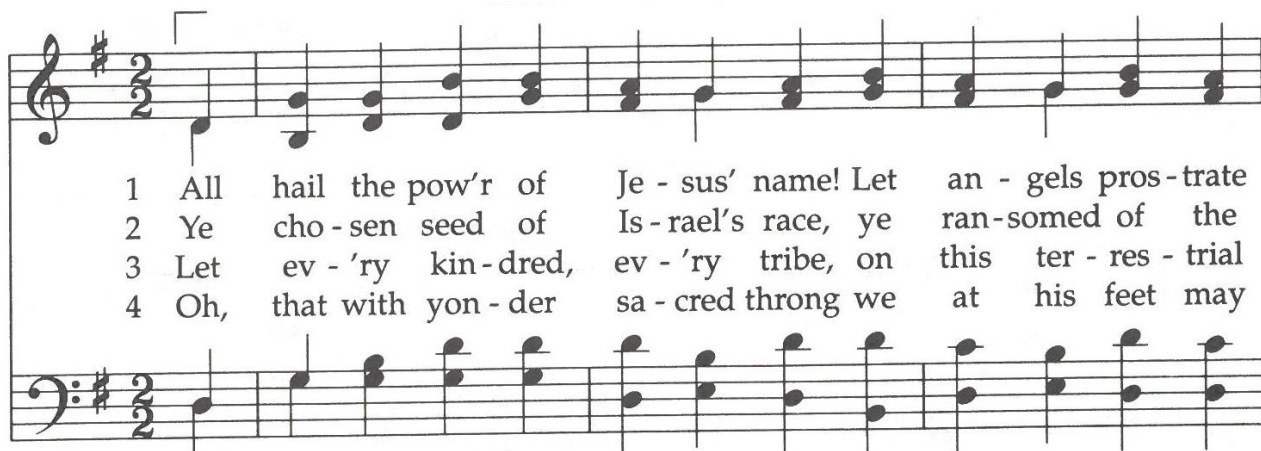
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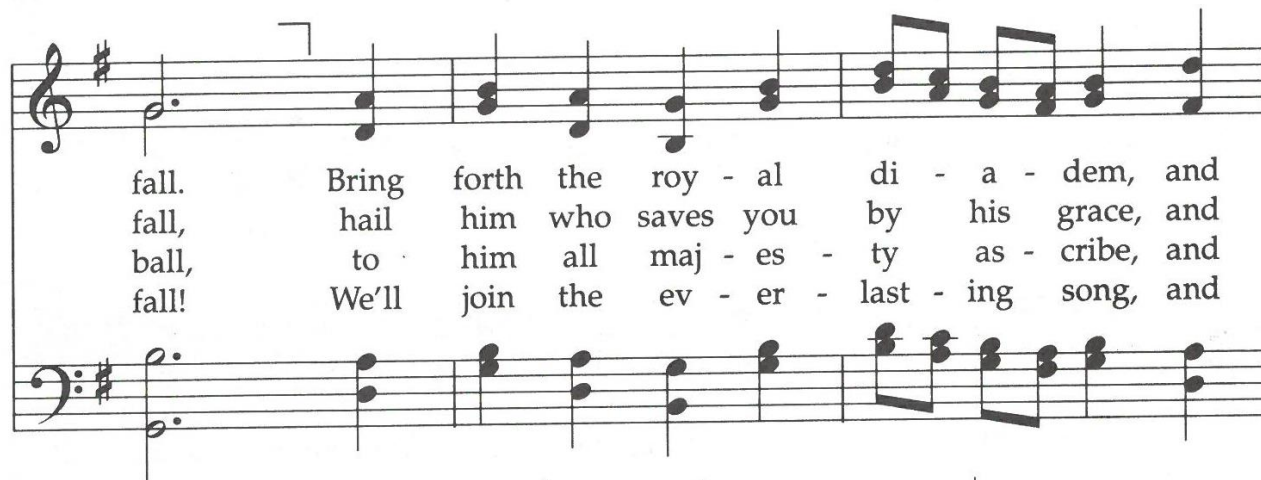
Scripture – Luke 19:28-30 (pg. 1631)

Children's Story – Casey Jacob

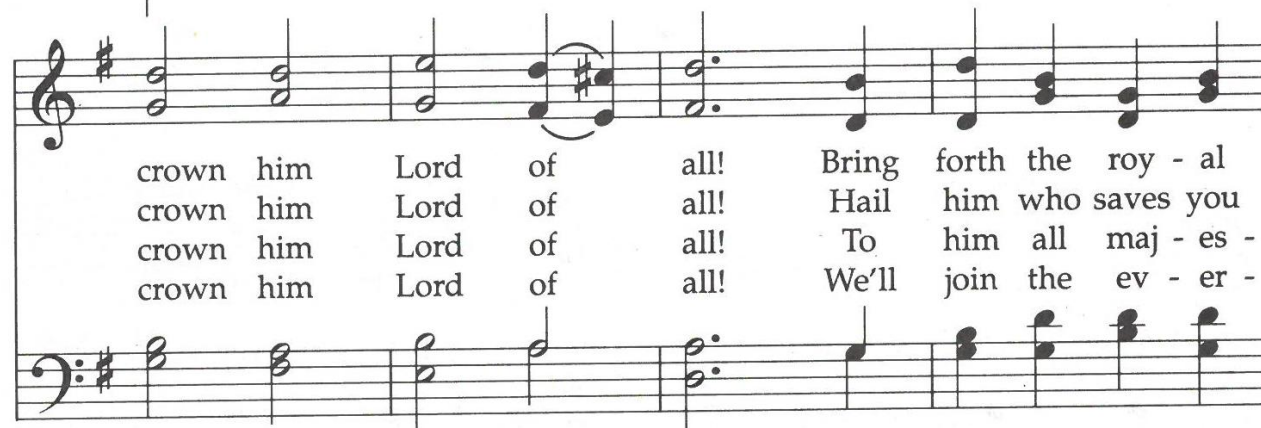
Worship Song – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* – HWB #106



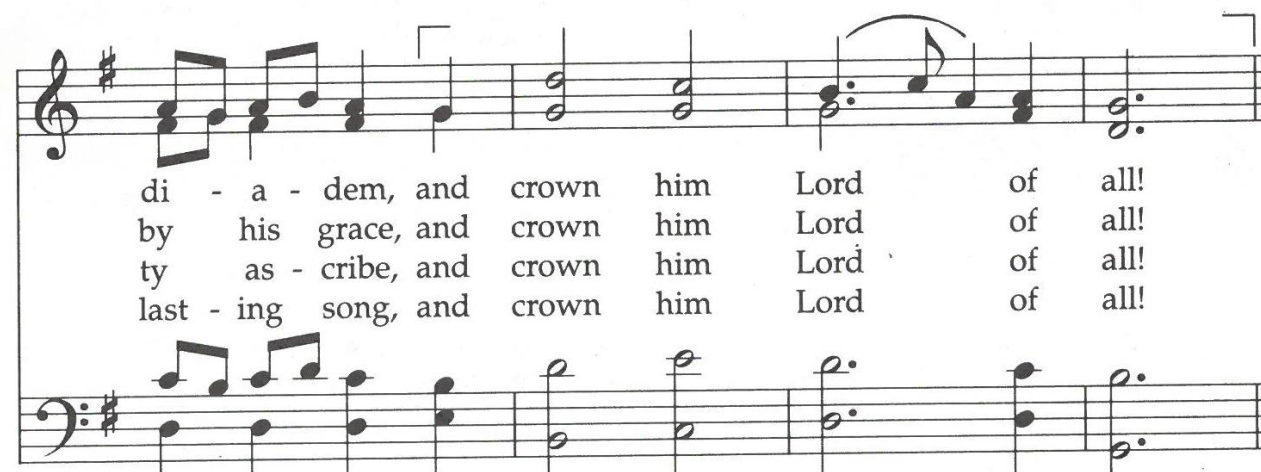
1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed of the
3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
4 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may



fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you
crown him Lord of all! To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

Worship Song – *You're Worthy of My Praise* – Lyrics Projected

Pastoral Prayer

Message – *Who Do We Listen To?* – Pastor Steve

Response Song – *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *What a Beautiful Name* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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| March 24 | 2:30 pm | Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice |
| | 6:00 pm | Mom's Group |
| | 6:00 pm | Jr. & Sr. High Youth |
| March 26 | 5:30 pm | Kitchen Committee Meeting |
| March 27 | 7:00 pm | Bell Choir Practice |
| | 8:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| March 29 | 6:00 pm | Good Friday Meal & Service |
| March 30 | 9:30 am | PEO Bunny Breakfast |
| March 31 | 7:00 am | Sunrise Service at Nightingale's Pond |
| | 9:00 am | Easter Breakfast at Church |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday school for Children/Youth |
| | 10:30 am | Easter Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 25. Mark your calendars for our Camp Mennoscah weekend, May 4 & 5.

Neighbors is providing Easter boxes for families in need. If you would like to help, you may donate money to cover the cost of ingredients. We will distribute the boxes March 25. Thank you.

A Good Friday Service will be held Friday, March 29, beginning at 6 pm in Stauffer Hall. A charcuterie board meal will be served and a sign-up sheet for the meal is posted on the bulletin board to determine food amounts. Communion will also be shared at this service. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Sunday is next week, March 31, and we will celebrate the good news of the resurrection in several ways. Join the Jr. High Youth at Nightingale's pond (2819 N. Spring Lake Road) at 7:00 am for a Sunrise Service. Please bring a lawn chair. A carry-in breakfast will be enjoyed at 9:00 am at the church. Please bring a dish or two to share. Sunday school for the children and youth will begin at 9:30 am. No adult Sunday school. Easter worship will be celebrated with both the bell choir and choir providing special music. The service begins at 10:30 am. Invite a friend to join us!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS): The 2024 KMRS is coming soon, April 12-13, and items are needed as well as volunteer help. Bohne Beroggi and Verenike Making Days are April 6. At kansas.mccsale.org you can see all the volunteer opportunities and sign-up. A poster is on the bulletin board with information about Run for Relief. Pie tins and zweiback bags are available on the table outside Stauffer Hall. Talk with Alan & Marilyn Mueller (our church liaisons) if you have questions.

KMRS Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

The Halstead Chapter of PEO will host a Bunny Breakfast in our church beginning at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 30. This will follow the community Easter egg hunt. All are welcome to attend.

We will put the dam back in on March 24 at 2pm at Camp Mennoscah. 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!

Sun., March 24, 2 p.m. matinee – Spring play at Bethel College, *Rancho Mirage* by Steven Dietz, , 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.

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.

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.

In the spirit of Mennonite Action efforts nationwide for the upcoming March Week of Action (March 25-29), the WDC Israel Palestine Task Force and several member churches invite you, your congregation, family, friends, and allies to join in another public peace witness at Senator Jerry Moran's office in downtown Wichita on **Wednesday, March 27, approximately 10 am - 12.** This peace witness will be centered around the theme "Send Aid, Not Bombs!" and asking Senator Moran to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza where 31,000+ people have been killed and 500,000+ more are suffering from imminent famine, starvation, and/or injuries. It will include praying and singing hymns together; presenting symbols of aid (bread, water, medicine, quilts, etc.) and the [U.S. Mennonites petition](#) for a permanent ceasefire; and finally making a direct ask for increased humanitarian aid, call for a ceasefire, a release of all the hostages and political prisoners, and an end to funding for weapons of war to Israel. We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine St, at 10:00 am to review an event agenda before driving to a designated rendezvous location near Senator Moran's office. There may be a \$2-3 parking fee. This is a somber event, and we encourage participants to wear black. Organizers will provide a print agenda for the peace witness and we plan to finish by 12 pm. Contact Eva Lapp (574-312-0078), Bob Atchison (785-313-2292), or Kathy Neufeld Dunn (620-755-4331) for questions or to find out more.

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!

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.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Praise God that Sara Dick's sister-in-law, Cindy, has been taken off the ventilator and is improving.
- Praise God that Robin Hoss, Pauline Regier's daughter, has experienced reduced pain following her recent back surgery.
- Praise God for the birth of Marah Joyce Gundy, born to Garrison & Erin Gundy on March 15. She is the granddaughter of Ron & Teresa Gundy and the great granddaughter of Jim & Marj Gundy.
- Praise God that Cameron Nightingale has been moved to inpatient rehab and is beginning physical therapy to regain movement and strength. Continue to pray for the long recovery ahead.
- Western District Conference: Pray for God's presence, joy and wisdom to be with WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a staff retreat.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Ruth Mueller, Casey Jacob, Josie Whorton

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Bethel College (Designated) \$722.00

Church Budget 2,930.00

MC USA 140.00

Neighbors 240.00

Anabaptist World Subscription 39.00

MCC Coin Challenge 236.20

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK 76

OFFERING NEXT WEEK Church Budget

NURSERY NEXT WEEK Brocia Mueller, Lauren Mueller, Eli Wilcox