



## Halstead First Mennonite Church

March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday

*Happy Easter! What a joy to celebrate  
and affirm that goodness is stronger  
than evil, that love triumphs over  
fear, and that life, not death, is the  
final word.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick  
*The Strife is O'er* - Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

**Welcome and Announcements** – Chuck Haspels

### Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

Leader: We know the message that God sends to all people.

**People: The one who lived among us, doing good and healing all,**

Leader: was crucified, dead and buried.

**People: But God raised him on the third day.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

Leader: For Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed!**

**Centering Music** – *I Am He* - Choir

**\*Praise Song – Lift Your Glad Voices – VT #340**

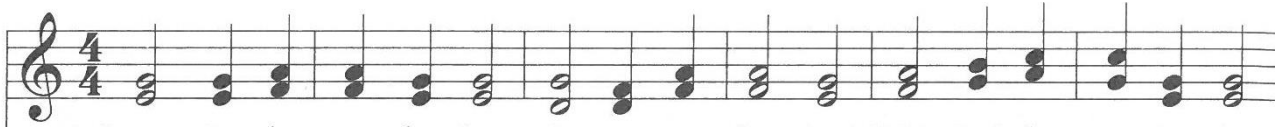
1 Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,  
 He burst from the fetters of evil that bound him,  
 2 Glo - ry to God, in full anthems of joy;  
 But Je - sus has cheered the deep valley of sor - row,

for Je - sus has ris - en and we shall not die.  
 re - splend - ent in glo - ry, to live and to save.  
 the be - ing God gave us, death can - not de - stroy.  
 and bade us, im - mor - tal, to heav - en as - cend.

Vain were the ter - rors that gath - ered a - round him,  
 Loud was the cho - rus of an - gels on high,  
 Sad were the life we may part with to - mor - row,  
 Lift then your voices in triumph on high,


and short the do - min - ion of death and the grave.  
 the Sav - ior has ris - en, and we shall not die.  
 if tears were our birth - right and death were our end.  
 for Je - sus has ris - en, and we shall not die.

**\*Praise Song** – *Low in the Grave He Lay* – VT #333



1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day,  
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,  
 3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Refrain: faster



Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a  
 he a - rose,



might - y tri - umph o'er his foes! He a - rose a vic - tor from the  
 He a - rose!



dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign! He a -



rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ a - rose!  
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

**Offering & Offertory** – Church Budget

*Easter Rhapsody* – Bell Choir

**Scripture** – Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 1584)

**Special Music** – *Classical Easter* – Bell Choir

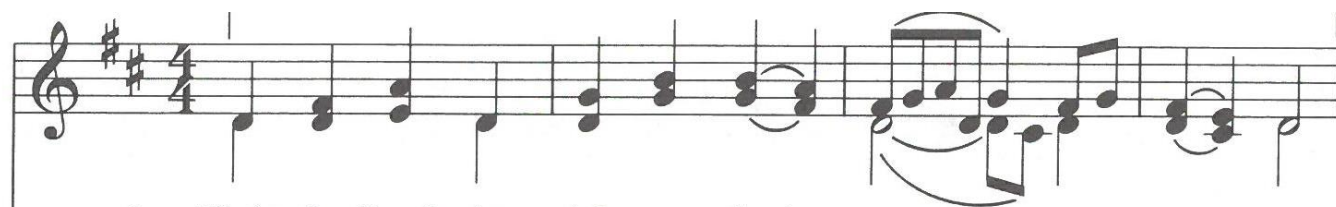
**Children's Story** – Casey Jacob

**Worship Song** – *King of Kings* – Lyrics Projected

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture** – Numbers 35:9-13 (pg. 269)

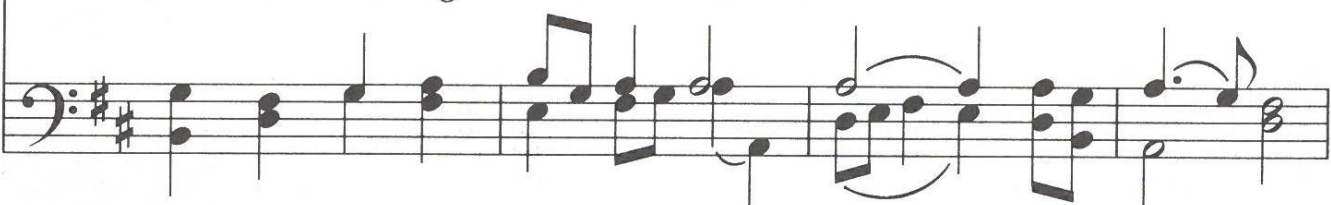
**Worship Song** – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – HWB #280



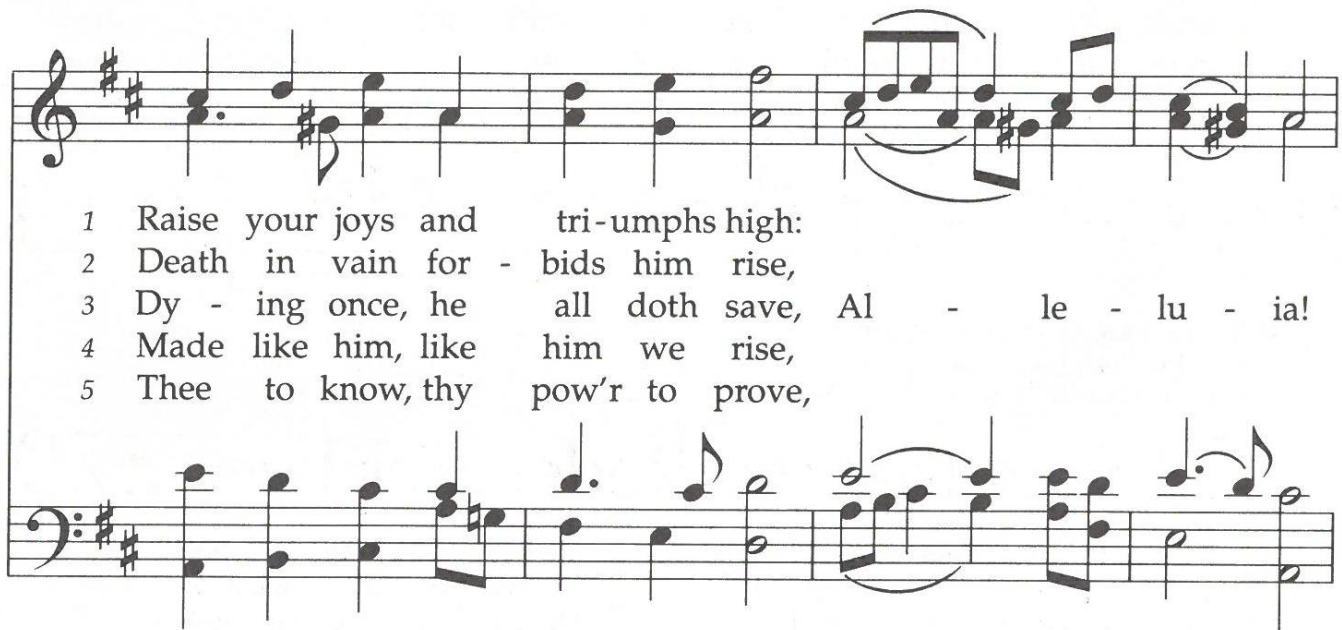
- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!  
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done,  
3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
5 King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,



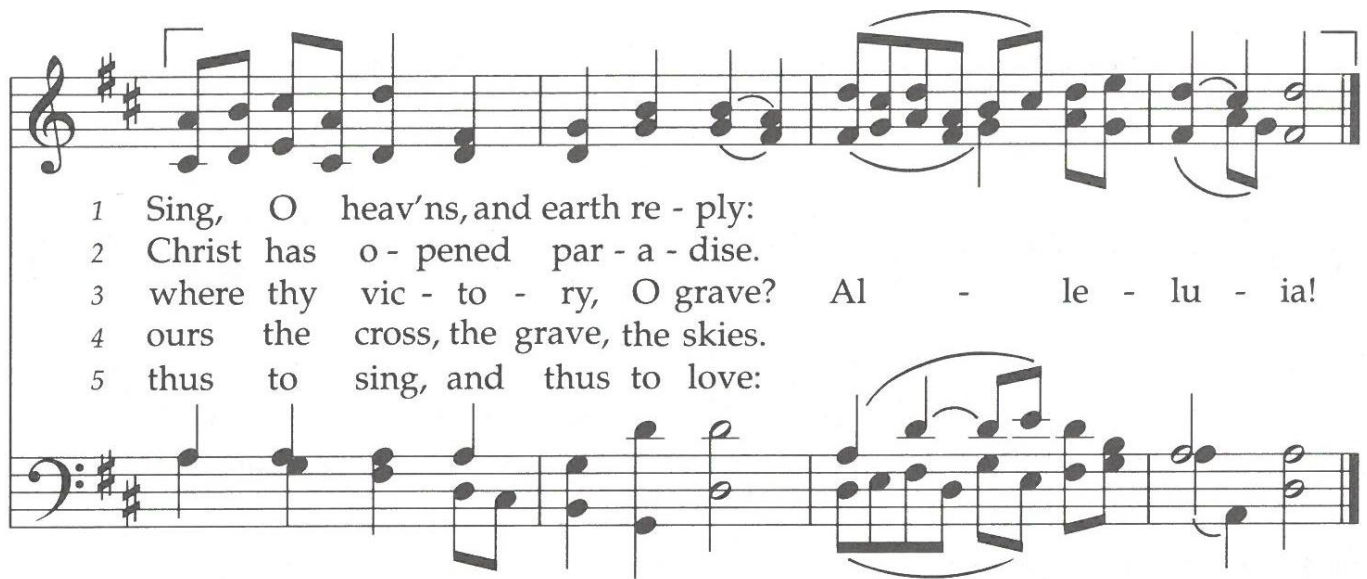
- 1 All cre - a - tion joins to say:  
2 fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head.  
5 ev - er - last-ing life is this:



- 1 Raise your joys and tri-umphs high:  
2 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
3 Dy - ing once, he all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Made like him, like him we rise,  
5 Thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,







1 Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:  
2 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
3 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 ours the cross, the grave, the skies.  
5 thus to sing, and thus to love:

**Message** – *A Place of Refuge* – Pastor Steve

**Response Song** – *Resurrection Joy* – Choir

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song** – *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* – HWB #283

1 Christ who left his home in glo - ry, and up - on the  
 2 While the world in peace was sleep - ing, ear - ly on that  
 3 Christ, our lov - ing me - di - a - tor, now with God for

cross was slain, now is ris'n! O tell the sto - ry  
 Eas - ter day, came the faith - ful wom - en, weep - ing,  
 you and me in - ter - cedés, and our cre - a - tor

Refrain

that the Sav - ior lives a - gain. Hail him!  
 but the stone was rolled a - way. Hail to the king, the  
 hears and an - swers ev - 'ry plea.

Hail him! Tell the sto - ry.  
 might - y re - deem - er! Hail him who robbed the grave of its pow'r!

Hail! all hail! Je - sus lives for - ev - er - more.  
 Tell ev - 'ry na - tion, all is well,

## **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – *Toccata* by Widor - Kent Dick

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

April 2	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
April 6	6:45 am	Bohne Beroggi Making at Moundridge High
	8:00 am	Verenike Making at Parkview MB Church in Hillsboro
April 7	2:00 pm	Mennonite Men's Chorus Practice
	4:00 pm	Mennonite Men's Concert at Bethel College
April 8	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society
	10:30 am	Easter Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Secretary Notes:** The rose at the front today is to celebrate Marylin Balzer's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 6. Happy birthday Marylin! Please make the following change in your church directory: Bill & Anna Lee Ewert's new home phone 316-333-8211. Bill's cell phone: 316-217-2153. Anna Lee's cell phone: 316-768-4651. Their new address is 21 Friendship Lane, Newton, KS 67114.

**To encourage our youth to attend a Mennonite Church Camp** this summer, the Mission Ministry will reimburse one half of the registration fee. Turn in a copy of the registration fee receipt to Larry Regier, church treasurer.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (MCC Sale) is April 12 and 13.** Our church is responsible to make 15 pies and 20 dozen zwieback. Please sign up if you are able and willing to help out with these items (the link to sign up is below). Supplies to package the pies and zwieback are on the table in the entryway. Other baked goods suggested to bring that are not on the sign up include: angel food cake, peppernuts (packaged in 1 quart sized bags), plain noodles (packaged in 1 lb. bags), cinnamon rolls and poppy seed rolls. Items that you would like for us to take to the sale please have at church by 3:30 on Friday, April 12. Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BAAAE29A3FB6-48739188-mccsale#/>

Thank you for your help.

**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.



**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton** is critically low on inventory for Relief Kits. *YOU CAN HELP by bringing supplies to the MCC Sale.* There will be carts in the Meadowlark (Quilt Building) to collect your supplies. These are the *needed supplies* to complete kits: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry bar soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz minimum) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets).

**MCC invites you to take the challenge:** A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace](https://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)!

**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.

**Weds., April 3 – Bethel College Community for Justice and Peace** (a student group) will host a peace vigil to mourn the deaths in Gaza and Israel since Oct. 7, 2023, and to call for peace, 7 p.m., *in front of the Ad Building*. All are welcome.

**Fri., April 5 – Senior recital** by Bethel College student Eli Regier, saxophone, 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*

**Sat., April 6 – Kauffman Museum bird walk,** 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

**Sat., April 6 – Senior recital** by Bethel College student Angelika Donaldson, voice, 4 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*

**Sun., April 7 – KIPCOR Film Series** presents *Estamos Unidos*, 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. The film by Alvaro M. Morales follows a migrant caravan's journey from Honduras to Mexico City in 2019. A talkback follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

**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.

**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).

**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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

**MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program** is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-meals](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-meals) or [mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site). Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Western District Conference: May the Lord guide us and provide financial opportunities for the Guatemala learning tour that is in the planning process. We pray for the safety of all future travelers and that their eyes and ears will be opened to their new surroundings. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered and rose victorious from the dead.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

**NURSERY TODAY** Brocia Mueller, Lauren Mueller, Emmit Jacob

**PIANIST/ORGANIST** Kent Dick

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Neighbors (Designated)	\$1,124.00
Church Budget	1,479.00
AMBS	25.00
Bethel College	50.00
MC USA	25.00
March Birthday	2.00

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK** 108

**OFFERING NEXT WEEK** MC USA

**NURSERY NEXT WEEK** Kaitlen Ortman, Debbie Nightingale, Eli Wilcox