

I am the  
**GOOD  
SHEPHERD.**  
I know  
my own and  
my own  
know me ...

John 10:14, ESV

# Halstead First Mennonite Church

April 21, 2024

*God sets a table before us and  
anoints us with the oil of gladness;  
our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5;  
45:7). Welcome to worship!*

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**Gathering Music** – Cindy Siemens

**Welcome and Announcements** – Melanie Haspels

**Centering Music** – Cindy Siemens

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

**People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

**People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

Leader: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

**People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

Leader: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

**People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

**\*Praise Song – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns – HWB #59**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What in al-might - y pow'r was made, God's gra-cious mer-  
 3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, through - out all grief  
 4 Then all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud

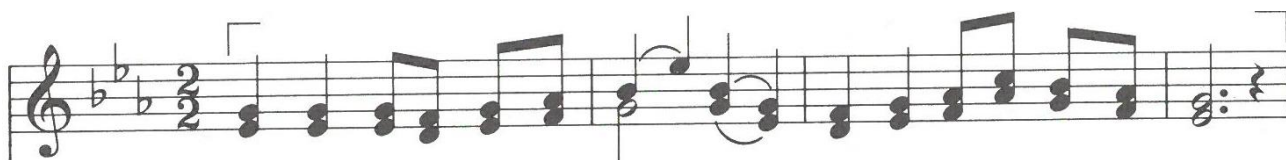
cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth. By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade,  
 dis - tress - ing, an ey - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate-ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch-ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace, and joy, and bless - ing. As  
 my voice un - wear - ied rais - es: Be

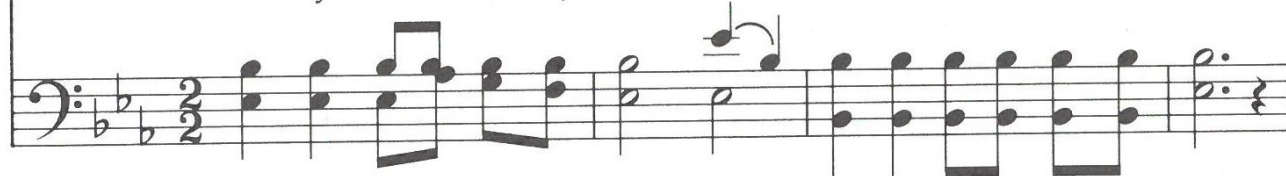
heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - 'ry faith - less  
 in the shel - ter of God's might, lo! all is just, and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God gen - tly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled.  
 all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 cho - sen band.  
 bear your part!

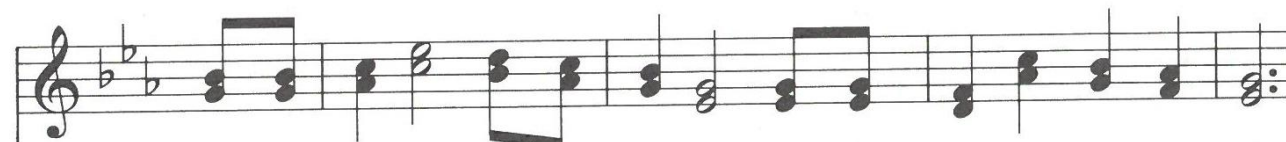
**\*Praise Song** – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – HWB #355



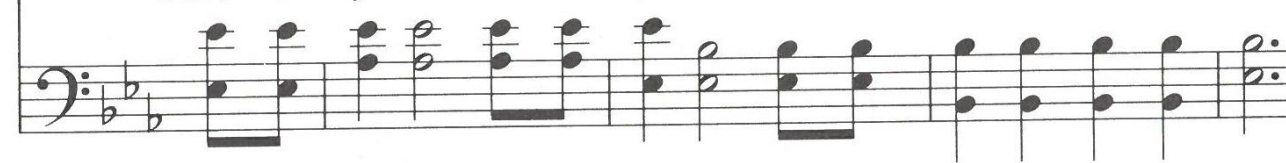
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care.  
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear-ly let us do thy will.



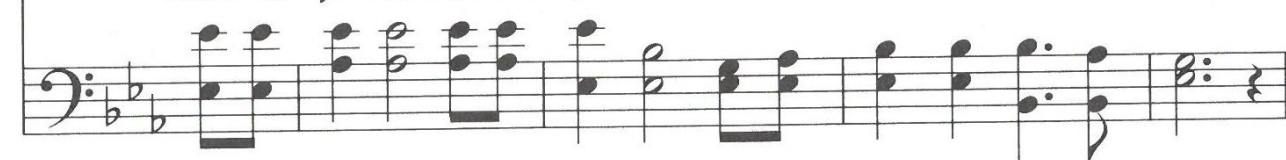
In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.  
 Keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our spir - its fill.



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.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! thou hast loved us, love us still.



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**Offering & Offertory** – Church Budget

**Scripture** – John 10:11-18 (pg. 1666)

**Children’s Story** – Brocia Mueller

**Worship Song** – *Cornerstone* – Lyrics Projected

**Worship Song** - *The King of Love* – Lyrics Projected

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** – *The Shepherding Flock* – Pastor Steve

## Response Song – Shepherd Me, O God – VT #744

Capo 1: (E m) (C) (G) (D)  
 Refrain F m D $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

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(B m7) (C) (A m7) (B m7) (E m) (A m/E) (E m)  
 C m7 D $\flat$  B $\flat$  m7 C m7 F m B $\flat$  m/F F m

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

yond my fears, from death to life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
 you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
 my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
 your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
 crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
 all the days of my life;  
 I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

## Closing Prayer

**\*Sending Song** – *May the Peoples Praise You* – Lyrcis Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

April 21 2:00 pm Mennonite Men's Practice  
4:00 pm Mennonite Men's Concert at Tabor College  
April 22 6:00 pm Mission & Nurture Meetings  
7:00 pm Church Council  
April 27 5-7 pm Neighbors Taco Night in Stauffer Hall  
April 28 1:30-6 pm Game Afternoon  
6:00 pm Mom's Group  
6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A table is set up in the back of Stauffer Hall** with some "freebies" for you to browse. The Kitchen Committee is working on cleaning out and reorganizing cabinets and drawers and found some items that are no longer needed or are in excess. Other items may be added, so be sure to check the table out each week to see if you find any new treasures!

**The Neighbors Taco Night will be held in our church on April 27 from 5-7 pm.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for pie donations as well as volunteers to help that evening.

**A Game Afternoon is planned for Sunday, April 28** from 1:30-6:00 pm. Hospitality is hosting. Please bring games and snacks!

**Our Camp Mennoscah Weekend will be May 4-5.** Forms have been placed at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return those to Gregg Dick's mailbox by April 28th. Food will be slightly different this year. We request those attending to bring a side or dessert for Saturday evening, to accompany the hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments provided by the church. A sign-up will be sent out the week before for breakfast items to go along with biscuits and gravy. Sunday's taco salad lunch will be the only meal with a charge. *Please note there will be no Worship Services at First Mennonite on May 5th.*

**The Halstead Interfaith Council** will again donate funds to the Halstead / Bentley School District for schools supplies for families in need, for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like to donate, please write your check to First Mennonite Church and designate Interfaith School Supplies. We may donate any time until the last Sunday of May. All donations will be forwarded to the School District by June 1. This community project is always very much appreciated by the School District, Teachers, and of course the children and families who are offered the supplies.

**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.

**VBS is only a few weeks away and volunteers are needed to help our week go smoothly!** Last year we had a record number of volunteers with over 60 helping throughout the week. For those children that are currently 5th or 6th graders, they have the opportunity to serve as Jr. Crew Leaders, where they assist the Crew Leaders, learning the ropes of being a volunteer vs. being a participant. *VBS is May 28-31, from 9-11:30 am* for kids ages 3 to entering 5th grade. Nursery available for volunteer children 0-2 years. Online registration and volunteer job descriptions can be found here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/1b034f>

**The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series** concludes with [The Brother Brothers](#) on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](#) at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment.** The endowment was generously gifted to Camp to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Application deadline is May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority. Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for the application form.

**Camp Mennoscah needs volunteers!** Kitchen staff is needed for most camps and nurses are needed for July 7-12 and July 14-19. Volunteers to do projects around the camp are always appreciated as well! Call 620-297-3290 or [oliva.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:oliva.bartel@campmennoscah.org) to volunteer. Also, register for the spring scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, April 19-21.

**Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC!** April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

**Sun., April 21** – Senior recital by Bethel College student Josie Epp, piano, 4 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*.

**Sun., April 21** – Sunday-Evening-at-the-Museum with Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University, 7 p.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium*. Perez’s topic is the role and impact of pioneering women in ornithology, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Perez will also speak in convocation at Bethel College **Mon., April 22, 11 a.m.**, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Weds., April 24** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*.

**Fri., April 26** – Senior Art Exhibit II opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, featuring the work of Morgan Marsh (reception May 10). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Sat., April 27** – “Walking the Talk: Listening Relationships in a Changing Climate,” symposium at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Free and open to the public. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sheena Wilson, University of Alberta, along with others from across Kansas; see <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation/walking-the-talk/walking-the-talk-listening-relationships-in-a-changing-climate/>

**Sun., April 28** – Masterworks concert at Bethel College, 4 p.m., featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Britten’s Rejoice in the Lamb and Vaughan Williams’ Dona Nobis Pacem, with Dr. Henry S. Waters conducting, *Memorial Hall*.

**Let’s Talk About Ukraine** - As the Russian invasion of Ukraine enters its second year, the costs of the conflict continue to rise. Professor Matthew Cotton will bring us information on the historical relationship between Ukraine and Russia, the current status of the conflict, and how it has reshaped global politics in the 21st century. Matt is a PhD Candidate in history at the University of Washington (Seattle). Come learn with us on Sunday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of McPherson, 1161 E. Ave. A, McPherson, Kansas. The public is invited. Refreshments served.

**MC USA invites you to join Amy Zimbelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference**, for a panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. This webinar is part of a nationwide study on the experiences of women in MC USA ministry. Register at [https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bWnkm9zcRqmiPfnX\\_zg1PQ#/registration](https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bWnkm9zcRqmiPfnX_zg1PQ#/registration)

**Mennonite Education Agency invites you to attend** the next virtual meeting of the Mennonite Public Educators group Thursday, April 25 at 7pm Eastern. This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. These conversations are moderated by public school teachers who



are Mennonite. The conversation topic will be "Simple ways to show our faith." Registration is required by emailing [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org) to receive registration information.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Please keep Ron and Sara Dick in your prayers as Ron had emergency triple heart bypass surgery on Wednesday. Pray for healing and recovery from this surgery.
- Please keep Jessica Dyck in your prayers as she continues to struggle with her hearing, ear pain and infections. Pray for a clear diagnosis.
- Pray for Doug Auernheimer, Ron's brother, who has a serious infection that is being treated before he can begin the treatment for colon cancer.
- Pray for Phil Aylward's sister, Linda, who is recovering from a bad infection that will require rehab.
- Western District Conference: Pray for generous financial support for WDC congregations and their ministries, and for WDC as it equips and connects with congregations and ministry leaders across the conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

**NURSERY TODAY** Marilyn Mueller, Sara Smoker, Megan Ortman

**PIANIST/ORGANIST** Cindy Siemens

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Western District Conference (Designated)	\$590.00
Church Budget	1,165.00
VBS	50.00
Final deposit of MCC Coins (April 9)	200.04

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK** 81

**OFFERING NEXT WEEK** Pine Village

**NURSERY NEXT WEEK** Kristin Burkhart, Shaun Ortman, Josie Whorton

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget balance @ 01/01/24	8,613.26
January-February Receipts	18,485.17
January-February Expenses	<u>(23,674.12)</u>
Budget balance @ 02/29/24	3,424.31
March Receipts	12,534.73
March Expenses	<u>(12,395.42)</u>
Budget balance @ 03/31/24	3,563.62