



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 19, 2025

Welcome to church! May our unity as the body of Christ be an ongoing blessing to one another.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Praise God! - arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements - Chuck Haspels

Centering Music – Kent Dick

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now - J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: Again I will say, rejoice.

Leader: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

People: The Lord is at hand.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

All: Let us worship God!

***Worship Through Singing – O come, loud anthems let us sing**

– HWB #68



1 O come, loud an - thems let us sing, loud thanks to
2 In - to his pres - ence let us haste, to thank him
3 The depths of earth are in his hand, her se - cret
4 Oh, let us to his courts re - pair, and bow with



our al - might - y King, for we our voic - es high should
for his fa - vors past, to him ad - dress, in joy - ful
wealth at his com - mand, the strength of hills that reach the
ad - o - ra - tion there, down on our knees, de - vout - ly



Refrain

raise, when our sal - va - tion's rock we praise.
songs, the praise that to his name be - longs. Great is the
skies, sub - ject - ed to his em - pire lies.
all, be - fore the Lord, our ma - ker, fall.



Lord! What tongue can frame an eq - ual hon - or to his name?

***Worship Through Singing** – *You're Worthy of Our Praise* –
Lyrics Projected

Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference
Grosser Gott - arr. George Lachenauer Kent Dick

Scripture Reading – Psalm 133 (p. 970)

Children's Time – Casey Jacob
*A nursery is available in the basement for
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

Worship Through Singing - *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* –
Lyrics Projected

Worship Through Singing - Lord, listen to your children - HWB

#353

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

The first system of music is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff in 2/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth notes and a final half note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place.

The second system of music continues the accompaniment. It maintains the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note and a final whole note. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, featuring chords and moving lines.

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us

The third system of music continues the accompaniment. It maintains the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note and a final whole note. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, featuring chords and moving lines.

love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. It maintains the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note and a final whole note. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, featuring chords and moving lines, ending with a final chord.

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Words That Unite Us: Prayer, Response, and the Power of Speaking Together

Response Song – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* – VT #831

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's
3 When we a - sun - der part, it gives us
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

(D) (A) (A7) (D) (A) (A7)
F C C7 F C C7

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of kin - dred
bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each oth - er
in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in
shall be free, and per - fect love and friend - ship

(D) (G/D) (D) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D)
F Bb/F F Bb F/C C7 F

minds is like to that a - bove.
flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *Benediction* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Lift Up Your Songs of Praise - Camille Saint-Saens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 19	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Oct. 22	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Praise Team practice
Oct. 23	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am missing a yellow serving bowl that disappeared following one of our Sunday meals in September. If someone has it and wonders who it belongs to, it's me! Thanks, Melanie Haspels.

The November newsletter deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Adult Bible Study will conclude this Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6:45 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m.

The Bethel College Choir will be joining us during the worship service next Sunday, Oct. 26, and it is also a Last Sunday Potluck

day. Be sure to join us for a morning of beautiful music, good food and fellowship.

Our Annual Hog Roast will be next Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Scout Park. A pulled pork meal will be available by donation, and music will be provided by the local bluegrass group *Prairie Highway*. Invite your friends, bring your lawn chairs, and be part of an enjoyable evening at the park. Proceeds from the meal will go to Camp Mennoscah.

It's meat canning season once again! Volunteers from our church will be needed at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton on November 5, 6 & 7 to pack the protein and send it on its way. A link to sign up to help was emailed with the bulletin packet.

The annual Mission Supper will be on Nov. 15 and your help is needed in order to host another successful event. Sign-ups for both food and workers are on the bulletin board. A link to sign-up genius was emailed with the bulletin packet if you want to sign up online. If you have questions or need help signing up, talk to a member of the Mission Supper committee (Alan, Marilyn, Lauren, Janet, Dwight and Sandy).

The Mission Ministry invites you to help them complete a 500-roll, toilet paper challenge during the month of October for the Neighbors Store. Bring your rolls of any kind of toilet paper and place them under the coat racks at any time during the month of October. The recipients of our last toilet paper challenge were very appreciative. Let's bless them again!

Pine Village is gearing up for their 2025 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 23. Supper will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. and the live auction will begin at 6 p.m. *Our church is responsible for providing 5 pies. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can provide a pie. Pies need to be at the Wellness Center at Pine Village by 2 p.m. on the 23rd.*

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church invites you to their annual Mission Supper on Saturday, October 25, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dining options include inside, outside and curbside pick-up. Please text or call 620-585-6733 to order a meal of German sausage,

mashed potatoes, creamed peas, zwiebach and pie. Payment is by donation with all proceeds going to McPherson Housing Coalition. Hoffungsau is located at 43 13th Ave, Inman.

Bethel College Updates: Sun., Oct. 19 & Mon., Oct. 20 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures, with Dr. Kat Hill. The overall theme is “Diasporic Lives: Mennonites, Migration and the Search for Home.” First lecture: Oct. 19, 7 p.m., “People, Places, Pasts: Mennonite Meanings of Home Across Time and Place”; Second lecture: Mon., Oct. 20, 11 a.m., “Diasporic Lives and Dispersed Archives: Reading the Records of Mennonite Belonging”; Third lecture: Mon., Oct. 20, 7 p.m., “Contested Homes and Conflicted Belonging in Mennonite Pasts.” All in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with audience discussion following each lecture. Free and open to the public. **Tues., Oct. 28** – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Sun., Nov. 2** – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church. **Now through Oct. 27** - “Made for you by a professional seamstress,” fiber art by Karen Reimer, on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Nov. 2-4** – Bethel College Worship and the Arts Symposium. Information and a registration link were emailed with the bulletin packet.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Verenike Casserole Meal Returns! Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 8, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. You may either drive-through and pick up your meals or dine in. A link to order meals was included in the bulletin packet email. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome! **Retreat Center Work Day on October 25!** Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 to participate. The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah has provided

many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help whether you have construction skills or not! We'd like to create a list of people who we can email for specific work day projects as they come up. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center."

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's ministry partner Camp Mennoscah, as it holds its annual meeting today, and seeks to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connections with God and nature.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Juan Pacheco Lozano has been named Mennonite Mission Network's new Regional Director for Latin America. Pray for wisdom and energy, as Juan continues to build the ministry of fostering relationships with Mennonite churches and partners across twelve Latin American countries.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Jason Smoker, Raquel Wilcox, Emmitt Jacob
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Building Maintenance	\$500.00
Church Budget Offering	1,270.00
Hog Roast	1,277.00
Meat Canning	50.00
Mutual Aid	1,200.00
Wednesday Supper	140.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	85
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MC USA
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Kaitlen Ortman, Casey Jacob, Eli Wilcox