



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

March 15, 2026

"Come and see the works of the Lord... the Lord Almighty is with us!" (Psalm 46:8a, 10a, NIV).

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

O Mensch, Bewein' Dein' Sünde Gross - J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Kent Dick

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - Gerald Peterson

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

People: Lord, open our eyes that we might see.

Leader: We come out of the darkness of sin and misunderstanding.

People: We come into the light of Christ's healing love.

Leader: "Lord, I believe," the blind man said.

All: Let us worship the Light of the World!

***Worship Through Singing – Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

– HWB #216



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un-ac - com-pan - ied by thee.
3 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine. Pierce the gloom of sin and grief.



Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see.
Fill me, Ra-dian - cy di - vine. Scat-ter all my un - be - lief.



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
More and more thy - self dis-play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.



***Worship Through Singing – I'll praise my maker – HWB #166**

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1 I'll praise my Mak - er with my breath, and when my voice is
 2 Hap - py are they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God who
 3 The Lord pours eye-sight on the blind, the Lord sup - ports the
 4 I'll praise my God who lends me breath, and when my voice is

lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My
 made the sky, and earth, and seas, with all their train; whose
 faint - ing mind and sends the la - b'ring con - science peace. God
 lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My

days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and
 truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves th'op - pressed, and
 helps the stran - ger in dis - tress, the wid - ow and the
 days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and

be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 fa - ther - less: and grants the pris - 'ner sweet re - lease.
 be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Offering & Offertory – Bethel College

Just As I Am - Dale Wood

Kent Dick

Scripture – John 9 (p. 1664)

Children's Time – Brocia Mueller

Worship Through Singing – *Open the Eyes of My Heart* – Lyrics Projected

Worship Through Singing – *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Open Your Eyes

Response Song – *Open Our Eyes* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song - Longing For Light - VT #715**

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light,— we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace,— our world is troub-led. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food,— man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts,— man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am7 Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C/G G Em Bm Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! — Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C Am7 G Am7/G G (♩) Last time

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

(♩) Last time

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Jesus, Lover of My Soul - Lyndell Leatherman

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mar. 19 Carpet cleaning in Stauffer Hall, stairs, main hallway and sanctuary entryway

Mar. 22 6:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are several new thank you notes on the bulletin board. Be sure to stop by and take a look.

The carpets in Stauffer Hall, the sanctuary entryway, the main upstairs hallway and the stairs will be cleaned on Thursday, Mar. 19. Please take that into consideration when visiting the church that day. Thanks!

The Easter Cantata will be performed on Saturday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend and join us for an evening of music celebrating the gift of Jesus!

Remember to pick up some snacks or gift cards during March for care packages for our college students. Ideas for snacks include tortilla chips, salsa queso, skittles, other candy, etc. There's a bin under the coat racks to place the items in. Thank you for your help!

If you are a frequent online shopper and receive brown packing paper in your boxes, please save it for VBS! We also need greenery and fake plants for decorations if you see any at garage sales and thrift stores.

The Neighbors Store is requesting monetary contributions to defray expenses for the Easter boxes they distribute. Contributions can be placed in the offering and designated for Neighbors Easter

boxes. The sign up to receive an Easter box will end on Monday, March 23.

Do you like to run? Have extra fabric for quilts? Want to help serve a meal or bake a pie? There are many opportunities to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 10 & 11. Information is on the bulletin board or talk to Alan and Marilyn Mueller about your options!

My Coins Count booth looking for youth leadership: The My Coins Count booth at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS) is looking for some youth leadership (along with one adult) to staff the booth on April 10 in the evening and April 11 in the morning. Responsibilities include collecting coins from churches and individuals and running them through the automated coin-counting machine. Additionally, one person is needed to attend 3-4 evening meetings (one per month starting in January) as a representative for the My Coins Count booth at the KMRS. If you are able to help, text "Coins" to 620.755.2583 or email eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: New, in-the-package items are needed for this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Children's Auction. Items that are popular with kids include Hot Wheels, Barbies, board games, LEGO sets, art and craft kits, sports equipment, puzzles, plush animals and outdoor toys. Items may be given to Alan and Marilyn Mueller for delivery to the Sale or brought directly to the Pride of Kansas building on Friday or on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m. Volunteers to help clerk the Children's Auction are also needed. Contact Brad Kohlman at bkohlman@conradeinsurance.com if interested in serving in this way.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: The Men and Boys retreat is scheduled at Camp Mennoscah for April 17-19, and registration for the retreat is open at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com> or in-person at the shed by the basketball court at camp. Lodging is available in the bunkhouses, cabins or your own tent. Meals are

available for Saturday evening, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. Contact Kevin at (316) 322-5515 with any questions.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC ministers who serve as chaplains or campus pastors in educational settings, retirement communities, businesses, hospitals and hospice programs, and pray for God's strength and wisdom to sustain them daily.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach served in Mongolia with JCS International for 32 years. She concluded that ministry at the end of 2025 and this month will mark the end of her work with Mission Network. Pray for her as she moves into retirement and re-establishes her life outside of Mongolia.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Mary Kay Bean, Raquel Wilcox, Luke Haspels
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
AMBS	\$50.00
Bethel College	150.00
Building Maintenance	100.00
Camp Mennoscah	150.00
Church Budget	5,427.89
MCUSA	150.00
Neighbors (Easter boxes)	100.00
Verenike	161.00
Wednesday Supper	125.00
Western District Conference	200.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	93
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Camp Mennoscah
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @1-1-26	12,217.68
Jan. Receipts	7,941.00
Jan. Expenses	(11,562.74)
Budget balance @1-31-26	8,595.94