

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

March 29, 2026

Hosanna in the highest! Lord Jesus, as we remember your triumphal entry, prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy and humility. Clear away our distractions so we may follow you in both triumph and trial. May our worship today honor you, our gracious King.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - Edward Broughton

The Palms - Jean Baptiste Faure

Welcome and Announcements - Casey Jacob

March Birthday Blessing

Passing of the Peace

Centering Music – Ruth Mueller & Erica Schlender

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) - John Newton,

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio, arr. by Keveren

Call to Worship – Pastor Steve

***Worship Through Singing – Hosanna, loud hosanna – HWB**
#238

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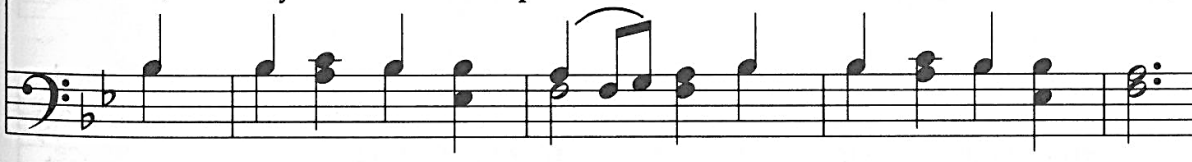
1 Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil-dren sang.
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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,

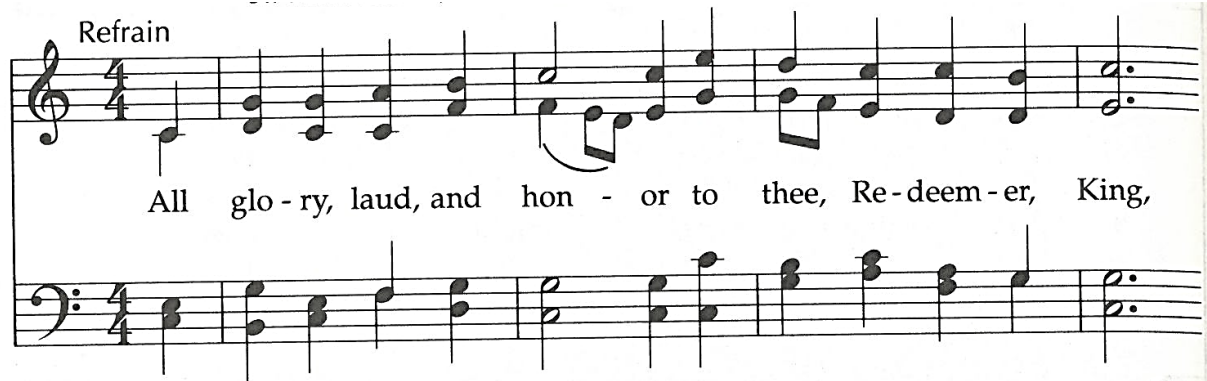


the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

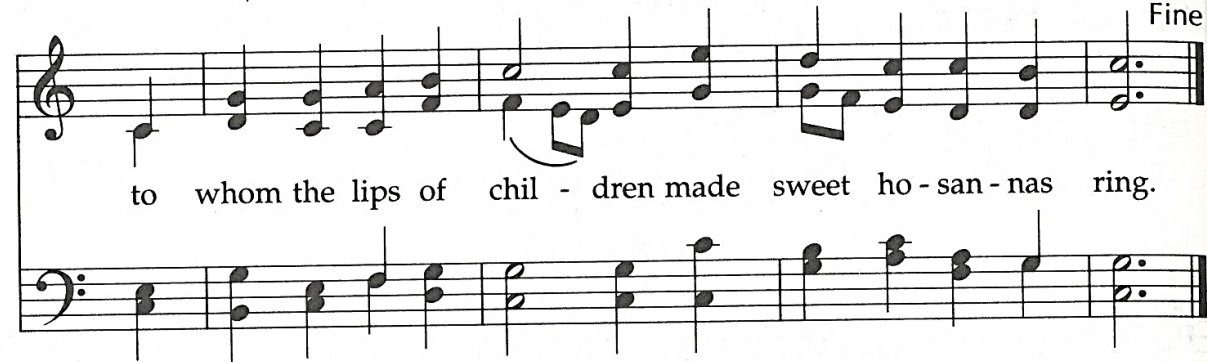


***Worship Through Singing – All glory, laud, and honor – HWB #237**

Refrain




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

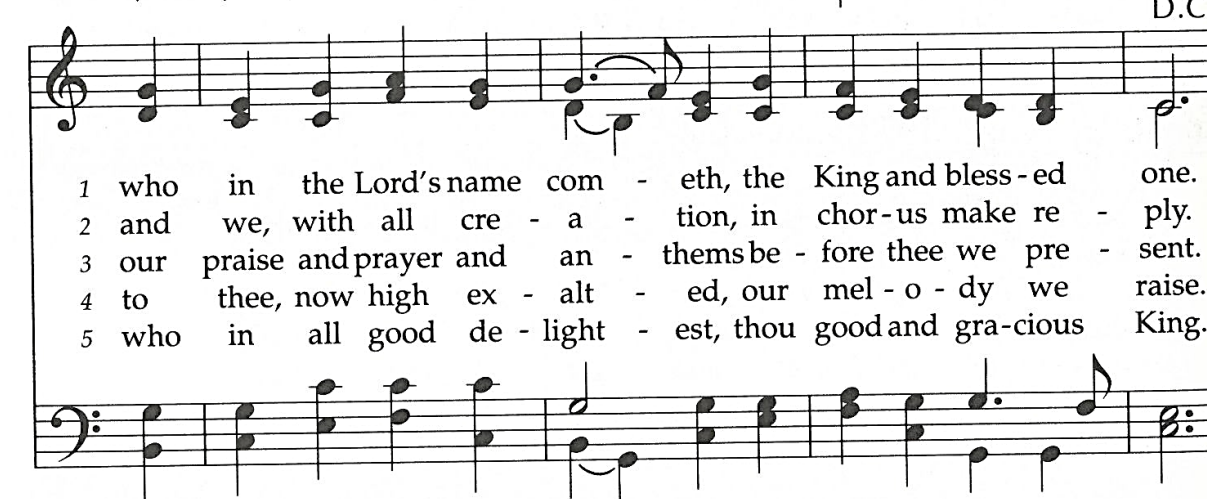


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Fine



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.

D.C.

Offering & Offertory – WDC Ruth Mueller & Erica Schlender

Get all Excited/The King is Coming -Bill Gaither, arr. by Ham
Lyrics: The King is coming, praise God He's coming for me!

Scripture – Zechariah 9:9-10 (p. 1480)

Psalm 118:25-26 (p. 957)

Children's Time – Brocia Mueller

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

Worship Through Singing – *Holy Forever* – Lyrics Projected

Taking What Binds Us to the Cross – Congregation

Chainbreaker

Communion – Congregation

***Response Song - O worship the King! - HWB #66**

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
 3 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing his pow - er and his love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
 our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend!

Prayers of the People

***Sending Song** – *Hosanna* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Fanfare on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - James Southbridge

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mar. 29	10:30 p.m.	Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Last Sunday Potluck
April 1	7:30 p.m.	Easter cantata practice
April 2	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday observance
April 4	9:30 a.m.	PEO Bunny Breakfast – Stauffer Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Jesus! Easter cantata
April 5	6:45 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service at Nightingale's pond
	9:15 a.m.	SS for children/youth, fellowship hour for adults
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion will be celebrated during the worship service and there is a Last Sunday Potluck TODAY! Please stay and join us for fellowship following the worship service.

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! There will be refreshments following the cantata in Stauffer Hall. A sign-up sheet to help provide cookies is on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help!

Holy Week and Easter Weekend Schedule:

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday observance – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 – *Jesus!* Cantata – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 – Sunrise Service at Nightingale’s Pond – 6:45 a.m.
Sunday School for children/youth – 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship hour for adults in Stauffer Hall – 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Please note the schedule for next Sunday, as it is a change from previous years. We will *NOT* have the traditional Easter Breakfast but will have a time of fellowship for adults during the Sunday School hour, with a light breakfast snack of rolls, fruit, juice and coffee. Children and youth will have their regular SS classes at 9:15 a.m.

Congratulations to Kyle and Tia Regier on the birth of Jett James. Jett arrived on Monday, March 23, weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21.5 in. long. There will be a table under the coat rack on April 12 to help welcome Jett with Pampers diapers, Huggies wipes, freezer meals and gift cards. Welcome to our FMC family Jett!

There will be a Dutch Blitz game afternoon on April 19 at 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy an afternoon of the fast-paced card game at the church. We’ll play in rotating pairs or as a larger group. You can bring a light snack to share and a friend if you’d like. See Raquel with any questions.

The Neighbors Store Mexican Meal will be on Saturday, April 11, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Garden View Mennonite Church. Our church is responsible for providing 4 pies and 5 workers for various shifts. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you’re able to help in any way.

Register now to be a part of the MCC Sale Run for Relief - a 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 11, along a paved path by a creek. Walkers and runners of all ages and abilities are welcome. Scan the QR code on the poster hanging on the bulletin board or visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/> for more information.

Volunteers Needed: The KS Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 10-11 and is powered by over 1,000 volunteers each year. Check out the available positions at <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/> and consider signing up for a slot or two on the sign-ups. There is something for everyone! A

list of volunteer and donation needs was sent with the bulletin packet.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus invites you to their upcoming concerts: Sunday, April 12, at 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College Campus, and Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. in Richert Auditorium on the Tabor College campus.

A 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.

All women and girls are invited to the annual Mennonite Women in Mission's potluck salad supper on Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. Our guest speaker will be Kate Mast speaking on "Our Time, Our Stories, Our Stuff." Please bring a potluck salad and one small item that is a treasure of yours to share with your table group. RSVP is not required. More information is on our website at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on our Facebook page.

The Et Cetera Shop in Newton is BUSTIN' AT THE SEAMS with housewares and book donations! We have explored numerous options to process these items more quickly, but none seemed to be the solution. We are asking for the support of our supporting churches to help us process these items, and we are reducing our prices to move them more quickly. Are there youth groups, men's groups, women's groups, or any individuals who would like to help us out? Give us a call at 316-283-9461 to schedule a time to come in. Please invite your friends, family, and congregants to join in. This DOES NOT mean we will be turning donations away. We are just trying to move the stock we have as quickly as we can.

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

WDC office schedule and Resource Library updates: WDC office hours are now Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (instead of opening at 8:00 a.m.) and beginning in April the office will be closed on Fridays due to staff schedules. Also, to enhance use of WDC Resource Library materials a secure locker will soon be located just next to the book drop-off outside the WDC office entrance, for after hours / weekend pick up of materials that have been checked out from the WDC Resource Library! To arrange for check-out and pick up of materials, contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org, or contact the Resource Library Director at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Bethel College Updates: Life Enrichment programs on April 1: 9:30 a.m., "SEARCHING FOR LIGHT: Through the Lens of a Portrait Photographer," Jim and Nola Stucky; 10:50 a.m., "RAILEROBOTICS: Inspiration of Today, Technology of Tomorrow," Newton High School robotics team. **Sat., April 4** – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Praise God for the birth of Jett Regier! Pray for Kyle, Tia and Lucy as they adjust to being a family of four.
- Pray for those organizing the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, that they will get the volunteers and items they need in order to conduct a successful sale.
- Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and clarity as we discern God's vision for new church plants and emerging ministries.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, and their two children, are wrapping up their first two-year mission term at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center and will begin their second term soon. Pray for clarity as they plan their next term, and pray that their family would be able to find time for rest and connection.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Lauren Mueller, Diana Torres, Megan Ortman
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
AMBS	\$200.00
Bethel College	175.00
Camp Mennoscah	1,306.10
Church Budget	1,265.00
MCUSA	40.00
Western District Conference	40.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	101
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Michaela Forkenbrock, Jason Mueller, Emmit Jacob