

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

April 5, 2026

*CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

Gathering Music – Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

O Worship the King – arr. by Raney

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – Davidica, arr. by Innes

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

Because He Lives – Gaither, arr. by Carol Tornquist

Call to Worship – Pastor Steve

Special Music – Choir

"I Am He" – from *Jesus!* - Rose Aspinall & Mary McDonald

***Worship Through Singing – 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!

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Easter Song - Anne Herring, arr. by Douglas Schoen

Dakotah Cannon & Cindy Siemens

Scripture – John 20:1-18 (p. 1685-86)

Children's Time – Brocia Mueller


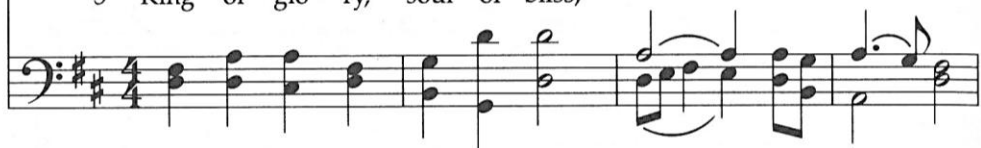
A nursery is available in the basement for children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.

***Worship Through Singing – Christ the Lord is risen today –**

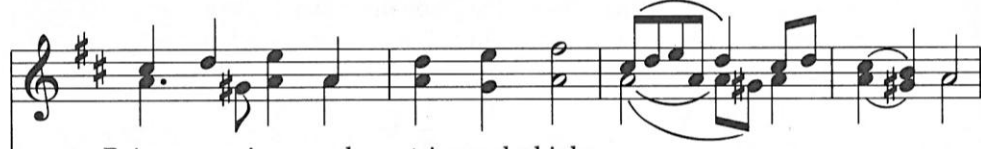

HWB #280





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,



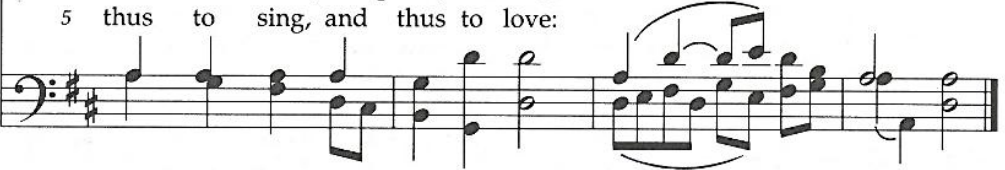
1 All cre - a - tion joins to say:
2 fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
4 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head.
5 ev - er - last - ing life is this:



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:



***Worship Through Singing** – *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 - cedes, and our cre - a - tor

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,

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

When Love Calls Your Name

Response Song – King of Kings – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song – Christ Our Hope in Life and Death – Lyrics Projected**

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens**
“Hallelujah Chorus” – from Handel’s *Messiah*

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 10-11		MCC Sale
April 11	5:00 p.m.	Neighbors Store Taco Dinner Fundraiser at Garden View Mennonite Church
April 12	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups Women’s Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the organ is in honor of Marylin Balzer's 92nd birthday tomorrow, April 6. Happy birthday Marylin!

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 **next Sunday, 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.

Please remember to sign up to help at the KMRS sale: <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer> Check out the bulletin board for more information and a QR code for volunteering. There are still lots of opportunities for helping at the sale. If you need help signing up, please contact Alan or Marilyn Mueller. Also, we need pies and baked goods. There are pie pans and supplies on the table by the coat rack. Alan and Marilyn will pick up pies, baked goods and anything else that needs to be taken to the sale from the church on Friday. Please make sure things are to the church by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10. Thank you!

The Neighbors Store Mexican Meal is this 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.

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 Bethel College Service Club invites you to join them for an evening of singing and service on Friday, April 24, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the MCC building in North Newton. A meal of hotdogs and hamburgers and a concert by Bethel College's Woven and Open Road groups will take place prior to the packing of relief kits. The meal is by donation with all proceeds benefiting MCC. The Service Club has a goal of packing 500 kits for the evening. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so they can have enough food.

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.

Hesston College Updates: The annual Hesston College Juried Student Art Exhibit will be open and available for viewing April 13 through May 1 in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in

Laban Peachey Center, 325 S College Drive, Hesston. A reception to celebrate the student artists and announce winners will take place April 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free. **Spring Community Day - April 18** - Join the campus community on Saturday, April 18, for an afternoon of Lark baseball, a Little Larks dance clinic performance, delicious food, free rally towels for the first 100 fans and a chance to connect with friends and neighbors. The baseball doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. at Oswald Field. Throughout the afternoon, fuel up with tasty eats from Meat Rubbers food truck and Salted Creamery handmade ice cream. For more information, visit hesston.edu/communityday.

Bethel College Updates: Life Enrichment programs on April 8: 9:30 a.m., "Wichita Wildlife and Parks," Jim Mason, retired biologist; 10:50 a.m., "Cars that Drove Me," Mark Janzen, author.

Fri., April 10 – Junior recital by student Seth Balzer, brass, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Sat., April 11** – Senior recital by student Caleb Koontz, piano, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **Sat., April 11** – Senior recital by student Caleb Garber, cello, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Summer Camp Staff Needed! A head cook is needed for the PreJunior I Camp, June 21-25. Kitchen staff is needed for all weeks EXCEPT First Camp and Senior High. A nurse is needed for July 19-24. Volunteers for custodial and maintenance are needed for most weeks of camp. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call/text 316-293-7313 for more details.

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: Give thanks for Jesus' resurrection power embodied in WDC congregations through acts of

compassion and love, solidarity with those who suffer, and resistance to evil and oppression.

- Mennonite Mission Network: Today, we celebrate Easter and the hope brought by the risen Christ amid a world that seems more chaotic and destructive every day. Pray that God's people would remember to be "Easter people" every day, displaying the love of Jesus through the everyday acts of seeking justice, doing service and hoping for a better future.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Michaela Forkenbrock, Jason Mueller, Emmit Jacob
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	100
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MCUSA
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Betsy Davis, Ruth Mueller, Kalyn Ortman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @1-31-26	\$8,595.94
Feb. Receipts	\$10,674.75
Feb. Expenses	(\$13,047.34)
Budget balance @2-28-26	\$6,223.35