



He breathed on them  
and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”



# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

April 12, 2026

*Jesus, as you breathed the Holy Spirit on your disciples following the Resurrection, breathe on us today. Ignite in us a passion for you, so that others may see and hear and know you are God.*

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## **Gathering Music** –Cindy Siemens

*People Need the Lord* – arr. by Mark Hayes

*Praise His Greatness* – arr. by Mark Hayes

## **Welcome and Announcements** - Amy Buchholz

## **Centering Music** – Cindy Siemens

*Worthy is the Lamb* – Darlene Zschech

## **Call to Worship** –

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

**\*Worship Through Singing – Crown him with many crowns –**

HWB #116

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on the throne.  
2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side.  
4 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

1 Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own.  
2 and rose vic - tor - ious in the strife for those he came to save.  
3 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
4 from pole to pole that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
5 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

1 A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
2 His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
3 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
4 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet  
5 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me.

1 and hail him as the match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
3 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
4 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
5 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**Scripture** – John 20:19-31 (p. 1686-87)

**Offering & Offertory** – MCUSA

*Revelation Song* – Jennie Lee Riddle


Cindy Siemens

**Children's Time** – Melanie Haspels



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

**\*Worship Through Singing – 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus –**


HWB #340




1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je-sus, and to take him at his word,  
2 Oh, how sweet to trust in Je-sus, and to trust his cleans-ing blood,  
3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je-sus, and from sin and self to cease,  
4 I'm so glad I learned to trust you, prec-ious Je - sus, Sav-ior, Friend,




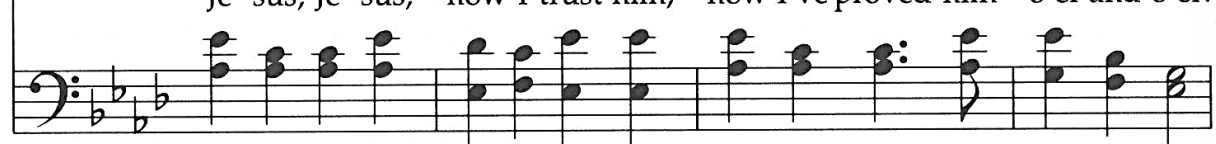
just to rest up - on his prom-ise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal-ing, cleans-ing flood.  
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life, and rest, and joy, and peace.  
and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.




Refrain



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!



**\*Worship Through Singing** – *Blessed Be Your Name* – Lyrics Projected

**Congregational Prayer** – Pastor Steve

**Message** – Pastor Steve

*From Locked Doors to Living Breath*

**Response Song** – *Nothing to Fear* – Lyrics Projected

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song** – *May the People's Praise You* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** –Cindy Siemens

*Made Me Glad* – Miriam Webster

\*Please stand if you are able

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

April 12	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups Women's Bible Study
April 19	2:00 p.m.	Dutch Blitz game afternoon

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 church camp out at Camp Mennoscah is May 2-3.** Forms to sign up will be in mailboxes and on the table at the back of the sanctuary. They need to be returned to Gregg's mailbox by April 26. Sign-ups for Sunday morning breakfast foods will be coming soon!

**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 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](http://mennonitewomeninmission.org) or on their 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 Halstead Interfaith Council will donate funds** to our Halstead / Bentley School District for backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Congregation members from all our community churches are invited to contribute. If you would like to donate to this fund, please write your checks to First Mennonite Church and designate Interfaith School Supplies. We may make our donations any time until the end of May. Thank you for helping to support our students and their families.

**Mennonite Disaster Service will hold their Family Program** in Hesston this summer. Work projects include building cabinets, packing MCC kits, and helping Hesston College prepare their campus for the fall semester. A link to sign up was sent with the bulletin packet.

**Pine Village's Benefit Day will include their pulled pork and baby back ribs fundraiser** and their annual car show on Saturday, May 9. Pulled pork by the pound and baby back ribs sold by the rack are available for pre-order. Orders can be made online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org> or by returning a pre-order form to Pine Village. All orders must be in by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24. The car show is on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A BBQ dinner (cost by donation) will be from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The event is free for spectators and includes inflatables for the children. BBQ pre-orders can be picked up at the Wellness Center during the car show or on May 11 or from 12 – 3 p.m. If you have a vehicle you would like to show, sign up online at [www.pinevillageks.org/eventsignup](http://www.pinevillageks.org/eventsignup) or call 620.345.2901. Car Show entries are \$20.

**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](http://hesston.edu/communityday).

**Bethel College Updates: Tues., April 14** – Faculty recital: Duo pianos, by Bethel College professor Dr. Christina Liu and guest Dr. Brett Janssen, Central Christian College/McPherson College, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Wed., April 15** – Life Enrichment sessions: 9:30 a.m., “C. Henry Smith Peace Oratory Contest,” Bethel College student entries; 10:50 a.m., “Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas,” Leo Oliva, historian (Humanities Kansas speaker). **Wed., April 15** – Bethel College Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., featuring works by Hässler and Gomes, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Fri., April 17** - Last chance to see the 2026 Student Art Exhibit in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, featuring the work of students in Bethel College art classes, in various media, which closes Fri., April 17. The reception will be Thurs., April 16, from 11 a.m.-noon at the gallery, during the annual URICA Symposium. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Fri., April 17** – Junior recital by Bethel College student Kyra Linenberger, voice, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel **Sat., April 18** – Recital by Bethel College student Maira Abrile de Paiva, voice, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel **Sun., April 19** – Composer recital: Professor Kris Hilding, Bethel College, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

**Camp Mennoscah Updates:** Camp Mennoscah is seeking a bookkeeper/reservation specialist. Experience with accounting/bookkeeping and general office duties is preferred. Must have good phone, people and email skills, along with strong organization. This position has potential to be a part- or full-time

position. Candidate will also need to be able to pass a background check and have transportation to camp property. Some remote work may also be available. If interested, please send inquiries and resume to Olivia Bartel, [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Kids Meet Christ program and for all WDC congregations utilizing KMC resources to explore and experience new dimensions of worship together as intergenerational communities.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This week, four SOOP participants will begin two-week assignments at Hesston (Kansas) College and Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio in San Antonio, Texas. Additionally, another couple will wrap up a one-month SOOP placement in Calais, France, this week. Praise God for the willingness of these participants to give of their time and talents.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Betsy Davis, Ruth Mueller, Kalyn Ortman
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Cindy Siemens
<b>OFFERING MARCH 29</b>	
Birthday	\$111.00
Camp Mennoscah	25.00
Church Budget	11,265.00
Western District Conference	919.00
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Church Budget	\$5,567.00
MCC Sale	20.00
MCUSA	50.00
Neighbors	80.00
Pine Village	50.00
<b>ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY</b>	106
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Church Budget
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Marilyn Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Megan Ortman