



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

May 10, 2026

The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. Welcome to worship as we learn how to do the work of the Gospel in this community of believers.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick
God of Grace - Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements - Chuck Haspels

Centering Music - Kent Dick
Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word - Piet Post

Call to Worship - Pastor Steve

***Worship Through Singing – God of Grace and God of Glory –**

VT #716

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to thy con -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de -

pow'r. Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to
 ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to
 trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and
 plore. Let the search for thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing

fac - ing of this hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 liv - ing of these days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 miss thy king - dom's goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 thee whom we a - dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Worship Through Singing - Come, We That Love - VT #31

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
 2 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets,
 3 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry.

Join in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with sweet ac-
 be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly
 We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's ground, we're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

cord, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 fields, or walk the gol - den streets, or walk the gol - den streets.
 ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 or walk the gol - den streets, or walk the gol - den streets.
 to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on.

We're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

A Letter from Jail to Friends, About Joy

Response Song – *For the Cause* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *Goodness of God* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Rigaudon - Andre' Campra

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 17 6:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the organ is in honor of Edith Unruh's 92nd birthday on May 16. Happy Birthday Edith!

The choir will be singing one more time this year and will practice at Gregg's house on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to sing. Bring ice cream or something to eat with ice cream. We will practice and then have a little year-end party. Gregg's address is 200 West 24th Street in North Newton.

If you are interested in helping lead worship through singing, playing an instrument, or assisting with song selection for our Sunday morning services, we would love to have you involved. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Steve.

This year's VBS will be held May 26-29, from 9-11:30 a.m. We are seeking volunteers to help make the week a success! To volunteer or register a child, please go to firstmennonitehalstead.org/vbs.

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.

WDC Annual Assembly - Save the date! Please join us—either in person or virtually—for the WDC Annual Assembly, August 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, Texas. Our theme is "Becoming God's People." Fun for all ages!

Newton Et Cetera Shop Update: With the volume of donations we're receiving, we're looking for more volunteers to process items, place items on the sales floor, and clerk. Applications for volunteering can be found on our website, newtonetceterashop.com, or at the shop.

Hesston College Updates: May 15-16 - Commencement Weekend activities include a theatre showcase, student recitals, nursing pinning ceremony, commencement ceremony and more. For information and full schedule of activities visit hesston.edu/commencement. **May 15** – A concert celebrating Ken Rodgers four decades at Hesston College will take place at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Visit hesston.edu/ken-rodgers for more information.

Bethel College Updates: Sun., May 10 - Baccalaureate, 10 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; Commencement, 4 p.m., Memorial Hall. There are two more weeks to visit Kauffman Museum's current special exhibit, "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War." The exhibit closes Sun., May 24, with a program by Sara Judge Keckeisen, Topeka, speaking on "The Cost of Conscience: One Mennonite Family's Experience in World War I," 3 p.m. in the museum auditorium.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray Larry and Carrol Flickinger as Carrol has been struggling with her health. She has not been able to eat much and is getting weak. She has also had a lingering cough that can be very taxing on her energy. Please pray for health and peace for her and the family.
- Please keep Charlie and Melanie Robinson in prayer as Melanie receives chemo to treat cancer. Pray for health and strength, and that people will surround them with support and care as needed.
- Pray for the plans being made for VBS and for kids and volunteers to register and attend.

- Western District Conference: Give thanks for students, families and teachers in WDC congregations as this school year comes to an end, and pray for God’s blessing and guidance in times of transition and new seasons of life.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This Mother’s Day, pray for all those who experience pain or grief due to loss, broken relationships or a yearning to become a parent. Pray that they would find comfort and love in the warm embrace of our heavenly parent.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Mary Kay Bean, Raquel Wilcox, Brianna Oneth
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget Offering	\$450.00
Family Night (Camp Mennoscah Weekend)	1,217.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	65
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Michaela Forkenbrock, Lauren Mueller, Eli Wilcox