



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

May 17, 2026

Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity around the throne of grace.

Gathering Music – Cindy

Siemens

Sing to the King/I Sing the Mighty Power of God – arr. Carol Tornquist

Jesus Messiah – Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Carson, and Ed Cash

Welcome and Announcements - Gregg Dick

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

For the Beauty of the Earth – John Rutter

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus, who, being in the form of God, emptied himself and took the form of a servant.

People: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Leader: Therefore, God exalted him and gave him the name above every name.

All: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***Worship Through Singing – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**
 – VT #411

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: Chords: G, D, D7. Lyrics: 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate; 2 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial; 3 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred thron - e we at his feet may

System 2: Chords: G, D, G, D. Lyrics: fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and; ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and; fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

System 3: Chords: G, D/F#, Em, A, D, G. Lyrics: crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al; crown him Lord of all! To him all maj - es -; crown him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -

System 4: Chords: D7, G, C, G/D, D7, G. Lyrics: di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!; ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!; last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

***Worship Through Singing** – *What a Beautiful Name* – Lyrics
Projected

Prayer For Our Graduates – Pastor Steve

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

We Are An Offering – Dwight Liles

Cindy Siemens

Scripture – Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 1827)

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

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

Worship Through Singing - Help Us to Help Each Other - VT

#722

1 Help us to help each oth - er, Lord, each
2 Help us to build each oth - er up, your
3 Je - sus, u - nit - ed by your grace, and
4 Drawn by the mag - net of your love, we

oth - er's load to bear, that all may live in
strength with - in us prove. In - crease our faith, con -
each to each en - deared, with con - fi - dence we
find our hearts made new. Near - er each oth - er

true ac - cord, our joys and pains to share.
firm our hope and fill us with your love.
seek your face and know our prayer is heard.
let us move, and near - er still to you.

Worship Through Singing – *O Love* – Elaine Hagenberg Choir

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

The Pattern of Partnership

Response Song – *For the Cause* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

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

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

Whom Shall I Fear – Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash

*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
May 19	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
May 20	7:00 p.m.	Nurture meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Mark your calendar for the church picnic potluck on Sunday, June 7, beginning at 5 p.m. The picnic will be held at James and Debbie Nightingale's house (2819 N. Spring Lake Rd., Burrton). Bring a dish or two to share and your lawn chair and join us for an evening that's always a good time. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the church.

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.

Camp Mennoscah Update: Only one month before youth camps begin! Most needed are a head cook for Pre-Junior 1 (June 21-25), and a nurse for Junior 2 (July 19-24). Kitchen staff is needed for June 21-25 and July 5-9 (both Pre-Junior camps). Other weeks are filled--thank you to everyone who is volunteering! Support staff will stay in the Retreat Center unless a group reserves the building during the week. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Summer youth camps are not yet filled to overflowing, which would fill this sacred space called Camp Mennoscah with abounding joy. Full camps increase the energy and joy exponentially. The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred

within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

Bethel College Updates: This is the final week 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 for Gio as he transitions home to his family, school, friends and community.
- Pray for Tom Rose following a surgery on Thursday. Pray for both him and Carol as they navigate the outcome of the surgery.
- Please continue to pray for Larry and Carrol Flickinger. Carrol is home but is struggling to eat and regain energy.
- Pray for Scott, one of Cody and Jessica Dyck's customers, as he battles cancer.
- 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 all our graduates as they complete one chapter and begin or continue on in the next.
- Pray for the plans being made for VBS and for kids and volunteers to register and attend.
- Western District Conference: Pray for members and allies of immigrant communities across WDC, as together we seek God's justice, care and dignity for all people.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Michael Bergen and Sam Abrahams participate in the Colorado Springs (Colorado) Service Adventure unit and serve the local community through interactions with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and helping low-income families keep their homes warm, safe and well-maintained

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @2-28-26	\$6,223.35
March Receipts	\$8,642.89
March Expenses	(\$12,547.55)
Budget balance @3-31-26	\$2,318.69

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Michaela Forkenbrock, Lauren Mueller, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget Offering	\$4,355.00
Harvey County Health Ministries	150.00
Interfaith School Supplies	270.00
MC USA	125.00
Western District Conference	960.27

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 105

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY MC USA

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Betsy Davis, Ruth Mueller, Emmit Jacob

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Middle School

- Garris Clarkson – Andover Central Middle School
- David Haspels - Halstead Middle School
- Josie Whorton - Halstead Middle School
- Max Whorton - Halstead Middle School



Graduate School

- Erica Schlender – Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from Colorado Christian University