



# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

May 31, 2026

*O Lord, please calm my spirit that I may center my attention on you and your Word this day. Amen.*

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## **Gathering Music-** Cindy Siemens

*In Christ Alone* – Arr. Tom Fettke

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)* with *And Can It Be?* – Arr. Tom Fettke

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

*VBS Recap & May Birthday Blessing & Offering*

## **Centering Music** - Cindy Siemens

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* – Arr. James Koerts

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: We come watching and waiting for the work of the Lord.

**People:** We stand in hope, trusting that God will speak.

Leader: Though the vision seems slow in coming, wait for it.

**People:** For the promise of God will surely come to pass.

Leader: When fear rises and patience grows thin, wait for it.

**People:** God is faithful, and God's timing is sure.

Leader: Come, people of God, to worship with steadfast hearts.

**People:** We will wait with hope, live by faith, and worship the Lord together.

**\*Worship Through Singing – Oh, For a Thousand Tongues – VT #764**

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 3 He speaks, and list'n - ing to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, as -  
 5 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

A E7 A E A

great Re-deem - er's praise, with glo - ries ev - er  
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'tis mu - sic to the  
 life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

D A/E E7 A

ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

**\*Worship Through Singing – Oceans – Lyrics Projected**

**Offering & Offertory – Harvey County Health Ministries**

*There is a Redeemer – Arr. Tom Fettke*

Cindy Siemens

**Scripture Reading – Habakkuk 2:1-4 (p. 1458)**

**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 – In the Quiet Curve of Evening – VT**

#587

C Em C7 F

1 In the qui - et curve of eve - ning, in the sink - ing of the days, in the  
2 In the rests be - tween the phras - es, in the span be - tween the stars, in the  
3 In the mys - t'ry of my hun - gers, in the si - lence of my rooms, in the

C Em Dm Dm/G Dm

silk - y void of dark - ness, you are there. In the laps - es of my  
gaps be - tween the mean - ing, you are there. In the melt - ing down of  
cloud of my un - know - ing, you are there. In the emp - ty cave of

G7 Dm7 G7 Dm G7

breath - ing, in the space be - tween my ways, in the cra - ter carved by sad - ness,  
end - ings, in the cool - ing of the sun, in the sol - stice of the win - ter,  
griev - ing, in the des - ert of my dreams, in the tun - nel of my sor - row,

C Refrain Dm G7 C

you are there.  
you are there. You are there, you are there, you are there.  
you are there.

# Worship Through Singing - Open the Eyes of My Heart - VT

#401

English: O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes  
French: Ou - vre les yeux de mon coeur, Père, ou - vre les yeux  
Spanish: A - bre mis o - jos, oh Cris - to; a - bre mis o -

of my heart; I want to see you,  
de mon coeur; je dé - sire te voir,  
- jos te pi - do. Yo quie - ro ver - te,

I want to see you.  
je dé - sire te voir.  
yo quie - ro ver - te.

Refrain  
To see you high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the  
É - le - vé au plus haut des cieux ray - on - nant de  
Y con - tem - plar tu ma - jes - tad, y el res - plan -



## **Congregational Prayer**

**Message** – Casey Jacob

*Wait For It*

**Response Song** - *Living By Faith* – Lyrics Projected/Copies in the Pews

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song - Lord, I Need You - VT #155**

verse

1 Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my  
 (2 Where sin runs) deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you

rest. And with - out you, I fall a - part. You're the one  
 are. And where you are, Lord, I am free. Ho - li - ness

that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.  
 is Christ in me.

Ev' - ry hour I need you. My one de-fense, my right-eous-ness; O

God, how I need you. 2 Where sin runs So,

teach my song to rise to you when temp-tation comes my

way. And when I can-not stand, I'll fall on you.

Je-sus, you're my hope and stay. And when I can-not stand, I'll

fall on you. Je-sus, you're my hope and stay. Lord, I

## **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*To God Be the Glory* – Arr. Mark Hayes

\*Please stand if you are able

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

June 4	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
June 7	5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Picnic

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Steve will be on vacation and out of the office May 31 – June 7.** Thank you to Casey Jacob and Tyler Gehring for bringing the messages in his absence.

**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 Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble,** of which Kent Dick and Gregg Dick are a part, will perform their program "Movie Magic" today at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Newton. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

**From the Church Treasurer: If you are over 70 ½ years old** and have an IRA, you can take advantage of significant income tax savings by donating directly from your IRA with a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD). **Farmers—both active and retired—did you** know you can donate grain directly to the church? In many cases, this can result in a ~10-30% tax savings when compared with selling the grain and then writing the church a check. Please talk with David if you have any questions about donating either with an IRA or with grain.

**Mission Mosaic - The most current Mission Mosaics** from Mennonite Mission Network are here. The Mosaic is a prayer

directory that includes International Workers & Partners, Service Programs, Volunteer opportunities, and more! They are placed randomly in the pew backs and also on each information table. Feel free to take one home with you and use it along with the monthly Prayer Vine. Workers we support : Givens-page 23, Stutzmans-page 25 and the Woodward-Breckbills-page 27.

**A bake sale with turkey red wheat products will be held on June 6** at the Moundridge Black Kettle Festival with proceeds to benefit the Immigrant House, Museum, and Cultural Center. The bake sale will be located north of Goering Hardware in Moundridge starting at 8:30 a.m. We are asking for people to volunteer to help make the baked goods for the fundraiser. Turkey Red Wheat flour will be provided with the recipes ahead of time and can be obtained from Marla Gillmore 620-921-0428 or Glen Goering 620-242-3100. Reach out and let them know of your interest in helping provide goods for this fundraiser.

**Camp Mennoscah Update:** It's a Re-open House for the Retreat Center! If you would like to see the new PTAC units in the rooms and see what changed (and what didn't), there will be an open house on May 31 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Come see the hard work that many volunteers have put into making a comfortable space!

Questions? Contact 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

**Camp Mennoscah is seeking someone to fill the position** of a full-time development director. Candidates should have strong relational and leadership skills, knowledge of camp programs, good communication and speaking skills, administrative skills, prior fundraising experience, and passion for the spiritual growth of individuals of all ages. Duties will include donor acquisition and retention, church outreach and coordinating fundraising events. Resumes and inquiries can be sent to Olivia Bartel at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

**Bethel College Updates: Sat., June 6** – The public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., as part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Pray for Alan Mueller who sustained a head injury while playing pickleball. Pray for his full recovery without any lasting side effects.
- Pray for the family of Scott, one of Cody and Jessica Dyck's customers, as he recently passed away.
- Continue to keep Jim Loflin and Carrol Flickinger in prayer as they recover from illnesses and gain strength in their bodies.
- Praise God for a good week of VBS!
- Praise God that Tom Rose has recovered enough to move to skilled nursing in the Presbyterian Manor in Topeka. They are hopeful that he will return to his apartment soon after that. Carol thanks everyone for their prayers for him.
- Western District Conference: Pray for new church plants across WDC, that God would guide leaders with wisdom, courage, and discernment as they serve their communities.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Menno Village is an 80-acre farm near Sapporo, Japan, that emphasizes sustainable agriculture and provides food for their neighbors via a community supported agriculture program. Pray that this ministry is able to challenge the systems that exploit people and land by caring for all creation.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

**NURSERY TODAY** Jason Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Kalyn Ortman

**PIANIST/ORGANIST** Cindy Siemens

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Church Budget	\$2,780.00
Harvey Co Health Ministries	50.00
Interfaith School	690.00
MCUSA	743.00
Scholarship Fund	200.00
Verenike	40.00
Western District Conference	40.00

**ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY** 81

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY** Church Budget

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY** Shaun Ortman, Diana Torres, Megan Ortman