

THE BEATITUDES

*“Rejoice  
and be glad,  
for your reward  
is great in  
heaven.”*

Matthew 5:12, ESV

# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

June 7, 2026

*Welcome, one and all. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: “May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, ‘God is great!’” (Psalm 70:4).*

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## **Gathering Music-** Kent Dick

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him - Anna Laura Page*

*Praise Him! Praise Him! - Mary McDonald*

## **Welcome and Announcements -** Melanie Haspels

## **Centering Music –** Kent Dick

*Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Souls - Johannes Brahms*

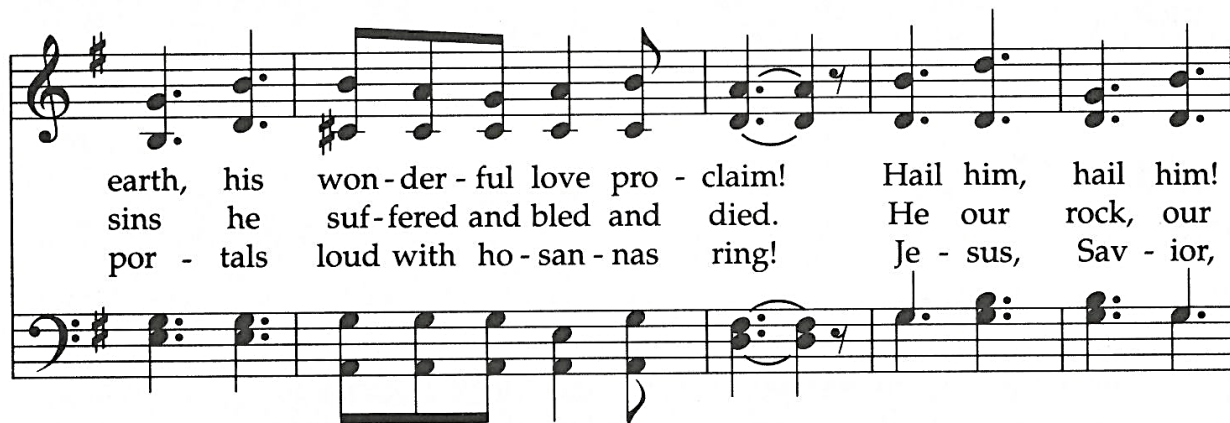
## **Call to Worship –** Praise Team

**\*Worship Through Singing – Praise him! Praise him! – HWB**

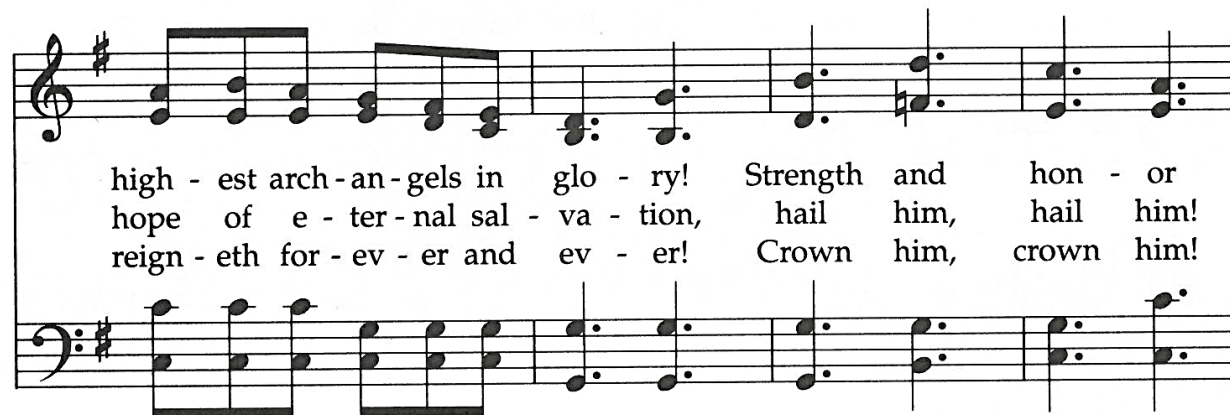
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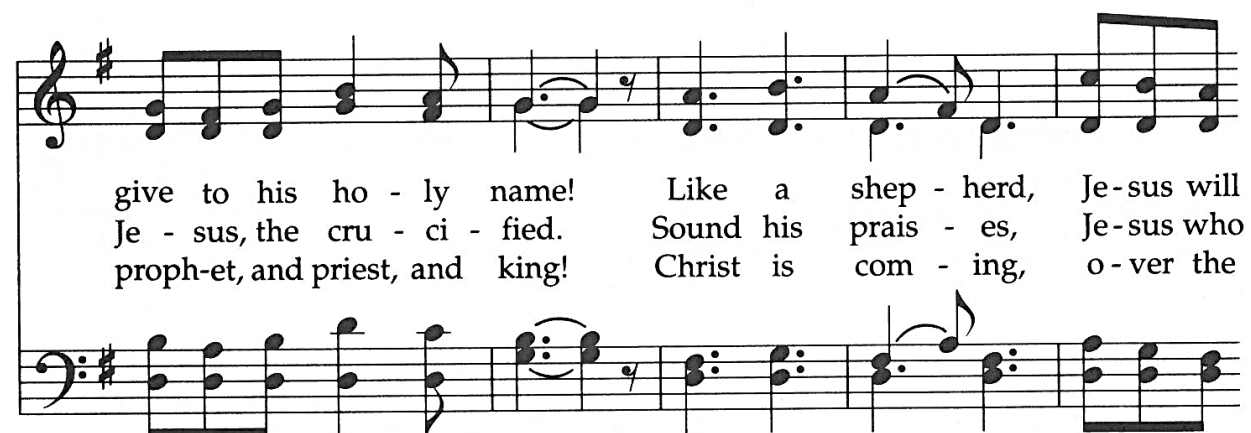
1 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! Sing, O  
2 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! For our  
3 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! Heav'n-ly



earth, his won-der - ful love pro - claim! Hail him, hail him!  
sins he suf-fered and bled and died. He our rock, our  
por - tals loud with ho-san-nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior,



high - est arch-an-gels in glo - ry! Strength and hon - or  
hope of e - ter-nal sal - va - tion, hail him, hail him!  
reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er! Crown him, crown him!



give to his ho - ly name! Like a shep - herd, Je-sus will  
Je - sus, the cru - ci - fied. Sound his prais - es, Je-sus who  
proph-et, and priest, and king! Christ is com - ing, o-ver the



guard his chil - dren. In his arms he car-ries them all day long.  
bore our sor - rows, love un - bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep, and strong.  
world vic - to - rious. Pow'r and glo - ry un-to the Lord be - long.



Refrain



Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness.



Praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song.



**\*Worship Through Singing – Great is thy faithfulness – HWB**  
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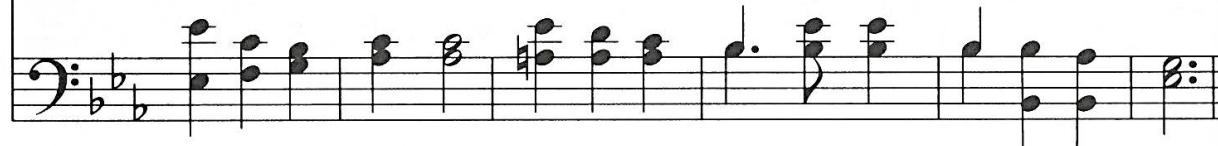
1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row; bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Lord, un - to me!

**Offering & Offertory** – Church Budget

*Let There Be Peace on Earth* - Sy Miller/Jill Jackson Kent Dick

**Scripture Reading** – Matthew 5:1-12, 38-48 (p. 1501, 1503)

**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** – *Change My Heart Oh God* – Lyrics Projected

**Worship Through Singing** – *All to Honour Jesus* – Lyrics Projected

**Congregational Prayer**

**Message** – Tyler Gehring

# Response Song – You Are Salt for the Earth – VT #297

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Leader

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple,  
 4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,

G D/F# (z) A D G D/F#  
 All Leader

salt for the king - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
 light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
 bring forth the king - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
 bound for the king - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

(z) A D G D/F# (z) A D  
 All

life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!  
 bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!  
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!  
 love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain G D/F# (z) A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

(z) A D G D/F# (z) A D

king - dom of peace. Bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# (z) A D G D/F# (z) A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

## **Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song** - *Build Your Kingdom Here* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Kent Dick

*Rigaudon - Henry Purcell*

\*Please stand if you are able

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

June 7     5:00 p.m.     Sunday School Picnic

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The church picnic potluck is 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.

**Alan Mueller moved to Hutchinson Hospital for rehab** at the beginning of the week and is no longer at St. Francis in Wichita. It is not known how long he will be there, but our prayers are making a difference for him. Thank you all for praying and please continue!

**Adults: Join us for Sunday School this summer!** A combined adult class will meet in Stauffer Hall June 7 through August 30. Pathfinders will also meet in their basement classroom. The schedule for the combined adult class is below:

- June 7: Fellowship Sunday with coffee, juice and snacks
- June 14: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans

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- June 28: Guest speaker Grace Parker Sutter from WDC’s “Kids Meet Christ” program
- July 5: “The Power of God’s Names” video series by Tony Evans
- July 12: Guest speaker Lyle Miller from Everence
- July 19: FMC supported missionaries – the Givens family *or possible fellowship Sunday if they are unavailable.*
- July 26: “The Power of God’s Names” video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 2: FMC supported missionaries – the Woodward-Breckbill family
- Aug. 9: Old Settlers Sunday – NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Aug. 16: “The Power of God’s Names” video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 23: “The Power of God’s Names” video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 30: Fellowship Sunday with refreshments and class planning.

The summer Sunday School mission project is Zone 33 Student Ministries. Several of our youth attend regularly on Wednesday nights and it’s a great outreach program in our community!

**First Mennonite’s annual golf outing will be Sunday, June 21,** at Wedgewood Golf Course outside of Halstead. A cookout will start at 5 p.m. with tee-off at 6 p.m. Golfing will be \$20/person, eating only will be \$5/person. Meat and drinks will be provided; everyone is asked to bring a side to contribute to the meal. Entry forms are available at church and need to be returned to Gregg Dick by June 15. Come for the food, come for the golf, or come for both! All are welcome!

**The Prayer Team invites anyone who would like to be involved** in praying for the needs of our church and community to let Ruth Mueller or Pastor Steve know. The group meets monthly on Thursday morning and receives weekly emails of prayer needs and updates.

**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.

**Conscientious Objection Workshop** – What will you do if you are drafted into the military? Learn about alternatives Sunday, June 14, 5:30 pm, First Church of the Brethren, 1103 Jefferson, Wichita, KS. WDC Resource Commission encourages youth and their parents to attend. Virtual attendance is also available. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet.

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to participate in their shopping cart bingo from June 18 (beginning at 5 p.m.) and ending on June 27 at 5:30 p.m. Work toward a bingo by purchasing items, shopping on specific days, and doing some fun tasks. Winners receive a \$10 gift card. Standard bingo rules apply. Only one card and bingo per customer.

**You are invited to join the MCC Mini Blitz** on Friday, June 26, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. If you can tie a knot, you can help complete comforters at MCC, no sewing required. So bring a friend, a kid or a grandkid and meet new friends as you help complete comforters to benefit people around the world. All are asked to bring a snack to share and your own sack lunch. Questions? Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or find out more at [mcc.org/mini-blitz](http://mcc.org/mini-blitz).

**WDC Annual Assembly** – There will be many great workshops, virtual and in person, to attend. Some topics include: Immigration: Our Reality, Needs, Resources, and Advocacy; Pastoral Searches: Challenges & Opportunities; Your Library: EBooks and Banners and Games; Messy Church; and Transitional Ministry Initiative for Bilingual Churches. Join us August 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del

Evangelio, Dallas, Texas. More information and registration coming soon!

**Hospice & HomeCare of Reno County, in collaboration with** the Kansas Cosmosphere, is inviting all children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Kids Kamp – Space to Grieve on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited. Call 620-665-2473 or scan the QR code on the bulletin board to register. Registration ends on June 23 or when spaces are filled.

**Camp Mennoscah Update:** 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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**Hesston College Update: Summer Theatre Camp at Hesston College** - Student actors from ages 11 to 18 are invited to join Hesston College Performing Arts for their 11th annual summer theatre camp, June 21 to 27. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" on June 27. Campers will have the opportunity to work closely with Hesston College faculty and performance professionals as they receive training in acting, voice, dance and tech. Theatre camp registration is \$350 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$300 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Those interested can visit [hesston.edu/theatrecamp](http://hesston.edu/theatrecamp) for details and to register online. Registration is due June 19.

**Bethel College Update: Fri., June 12** – The Bethel College alumni office is sponsoring a World Cup soccer-watching party, U.S. vs. Paraguay, on the campus Green (rain location: 1887 Café in Schultz Student Center). Snacks and beverages will be available

for purchase starting at 7 p.m.; kickoff is at 8 p.m. Bring your own blankets or lawn chairs.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Praise God for continued healing for Alan Mueller who sustained a head injury while playing pickleball. Continue to pray for his full recovery without any lasting side effects.
- Continue to keep Jim Loflin and Carrol Flickinger in prayer as they recover from illnesses and gain strength in their bodies. Pray for Lois and Larry as they care for their spouses and their families as they assist with care and decisions that need to be made.
- Pray for the family of Scott, one of Cody and Jessica Dyck's customers, as he recently passed away.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's ministry partner Camp Mennoscah and for all the children, youth, volunteers and camp staff who will participate in summer camp, that they may experience renewal and joy as they connect with others, with God and with God's creation.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Laura and Nick Sharp, and their two children, are nearing the end of their time in Colombia. Pray for this family as they navigate the difficulties of leaving behind the friends and culture they have grown to love, while also eagerly anticipating being reunited with their friends, family and home in Kansas.

### **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Shaun Ortman, Diana Torres, Megan Ortman
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Kent Dick
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Birthday	\$41.00
Church Budget	1,635.00
Harvey County Health Ministries	940.51
Interfaith School Supplies	225.00
VBS	525.00
<b>ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY</b>	78

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**  
**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Western District Conference  
Mary Kay Bean, Marilyn Mueller, Luke Haspels

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget balance @3-31-26	\$2,318.69
April Receipts	\$19,322.60
April Expenses	(\$14,840.25)
Budget balance @4-30-26	\$6,801.04