



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

August 2, 2026

With eagerness we approach you, O God. We join with all who love and serve you. We offer ourselves to be your people, ready to let your light shine upon us and through us.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

This Is My Father's World

Welcome and Announcements - Chuck Haspels

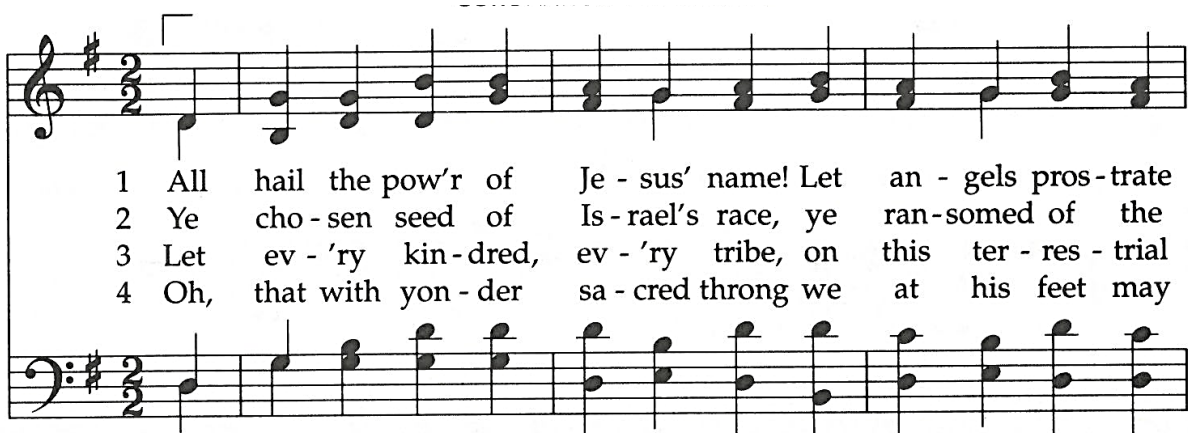
Call to Worship/Centering Music

For the Beauty of the Earth – Scott

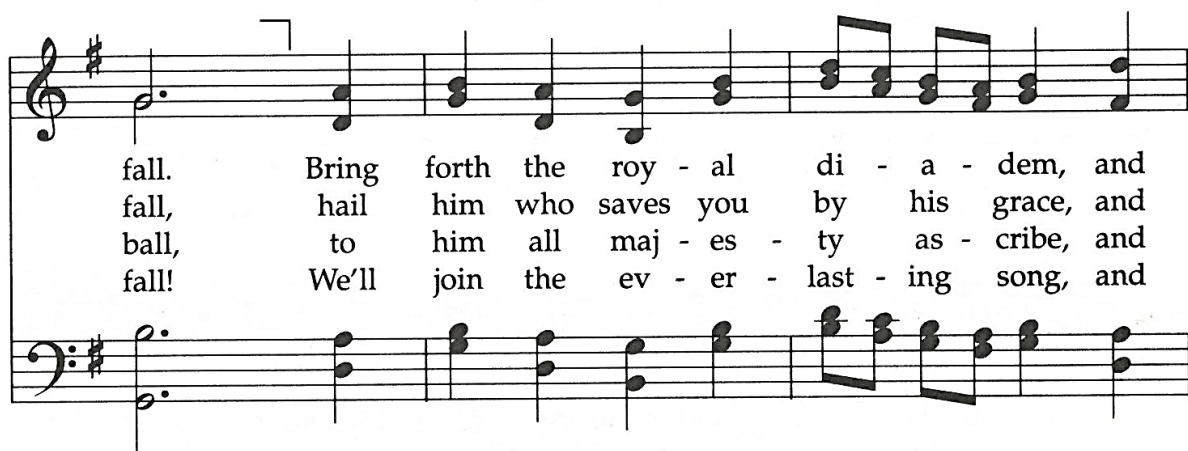
Kent Dick

***Worship Through Singing – All hail the power of Jesus' name**

– HWB #106



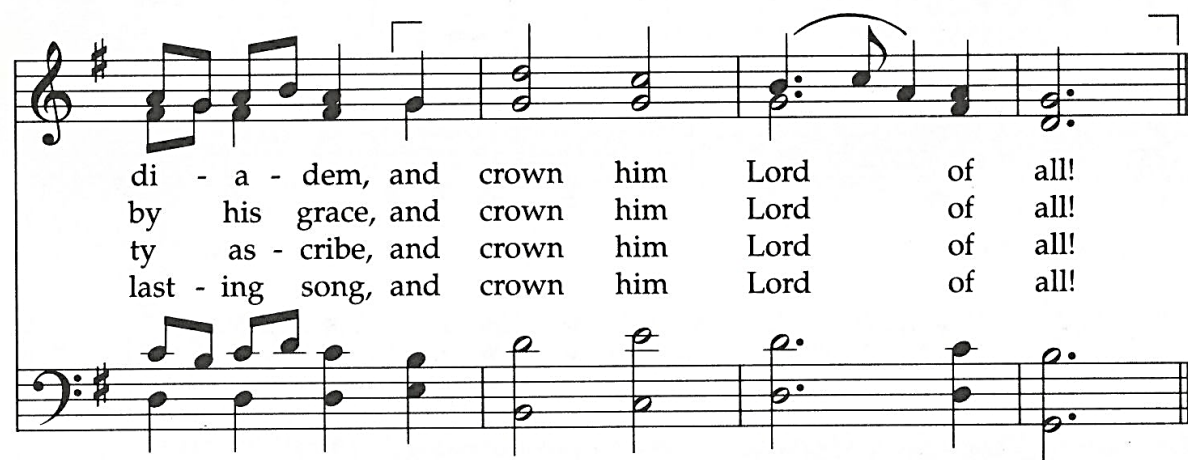
1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored of the
 3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 4 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may



fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and
 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you
 crown him Lord of all! To him all maj - es -
 crown him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

***Worship Through Singing** – *We Have Heard A Joyful Sound* –
The Mennonite Hymnal #594



1 We have heard a joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
2 Waft it on the roll - ing tide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
3 Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
4 Give the winds a might - y voice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!




Spread the ti - dings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
Tell to sin - ners far and wide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
By His death and end - less life, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
Let the na - tions now re - joice, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!




Bear the news to ev - ery land; Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Sing, ye is - lands of the sea; Ech - o back, ye o - cean caves;
Sing it soft - ly through the gloom, When the heart for mer - cy craves;
Shout sal - va - tion full and free, High - est hills and deep - est caves;




On - ward! 'tis our Lord's com-mand: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
Earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
Sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
This our song of vic - to - ry, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Moment in Mission - Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill

Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

All Glory Be to God on High - Zachau/Vetter

Kent Dick

Scripture – Jeremiah 4:11-14, 23-27 (p. 1176-77)

Children's Time – Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill

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

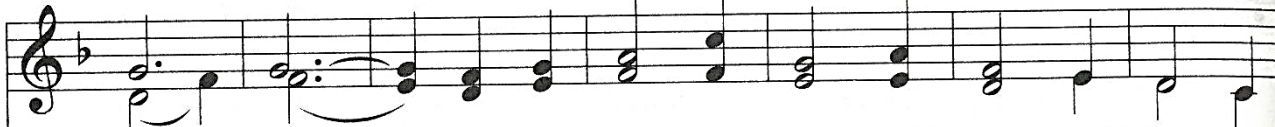
Worship Through Singing – Will You Come and Follow Me – VT

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1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5 Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

(A sus) (A7) (D) (A7) (Bm) (G)
 C sus C7 F C7 Dm Bb



your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

(Em7) (G/A) (D) (Em7) (G)
 Gm7 Bb/C F Gm7 Bb



be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

(A7) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 C7 Dm Gm C7 F

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

Worship Through Singing – *By Faith* – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Ben Woodward-Breckbill

Will A New Wind Blow?

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** - *Hymn of Heaven* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Ye Servants of God - Birchwood

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Aug. 2	10:30 a.m.	Woodward-Breckbill family to speak during the worship service
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck
Aug. 5	7:00 p.m.	Old Settlers community choir practice at the Methodist Church
Aug. 7	10:00 a.m.	School Kit Bag Sewing Event
Aug. 9	10:00 a.m.	Old Settlers community worship service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome this morning Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, and their family, who will be sharing during Sunday School and the morning service. Our congregation supports Ben and Laurel, who are serving as the directors of the Paris Mennonite Center, working with peace witness ministries. If interested in supporting the Woodward-Breckbills, add their name in the memo line of your check and put it in the offering. There will be potluck following this morning's service. All are welcome!

Next Sunday is the Old Settlers community worship service. It will be held in our church at **10:00 a.m.** There will be a shortened Sunday School for the kids and youth; there will not be any adult Sunday School.

There will a community choir that will sing during the Old Settlers community worship service. If you are interested in participating, a practice will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up!

Come and learn how to sew a School Kit bag at the church on Friday, August 7, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fabric will be precut and ready for helpers to iron, sew and string the bags. Sewing bags will be the focus, but there will also be comforters to tie. A light

lunch will be provided. Bring your sewing machine if it's easily portable.

We will celebrate communion on Sunday, Aug. 16 during the morning worship service.

You are invited to join us for an Ice Cream Social in the MCC parking lot (North Newton) on Sunday, August 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. A sign-up sheet for ice cream and toppings will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

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:

- 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 and class planning.
- Aug. 30: Fellowship Sunday with refreshments and class planning.

The Nurture Ministry invites kids and adults to partner together in prayer this year. It's a great intergenerational way to connect with others. All children and youth in the church will be automatically signed up, but we need adults to join us! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to be paired with a youth and specifically pray for them, while they pray for you. Deadline for sign up is August 23.

Pine Village is selling bierocks and taking pre-orders until Aug. 10. You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. Return forms (available on the back table) to Pine Village or order online at the link in our weekly email. Pre-order pick up will be on August 14 from 3-6 p.m. or during the Benefit Day bierock dinner on August 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for \$3.

Labor Day Work and Play at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: September 4-7, 2026. Spend your holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreat and help us prepare for the winter to come. In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no charge for the weekend. Visit the camp website at rmmc.org "Work and Play Retreats" to learn more about the weekend and to register.

Hey Quilters! The KMRS Quilters Corner will accept your quilting supplies year-round for the KMRS sale in 2027. Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282 if you need them picked up.

Bethel College Update: Sun., Aug. 16 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program at Kauffman Museum with Bradley Schmidt, translator, on Elina Penner's debut novel *Nachtbeeren/Nightberries*, 3 p.m., in the museum auditorium. Penner was born in the Soviet Union in a Low German Mennonite family, who immigrated to Germany in 1991, when she was 4. Her debut novel deals with family and immigrant travails in a new homeland. Schmidt was born into a Mennonite family, grew up in the Goessel community, graduated from Bethel College and is currently a translator and educator living in Leipzig, Germany. He will discuss Penner's novel and the process of translating High and Low German for English readers.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's diverse congregations, and pray for Annual Assembly participants from across WDC as they gather next weekend for worship, workshops, intergenerational activities, children's and youth programs, delegate business, shared meals and fellowship.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens are shifting away from working at the Maria Skobtsova House and beginning to work with new partners in the Calais, France, area. Pray for them during this time of transition.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Ruth Mueller, Raquel Wilcox, Megan Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Birthday \$60.00

Building Maintenance 1,744.18

Church Budget 4,284.00

Offender Victim 40.00

Western District Conference 40.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 72

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Zone 33 (Old Settlers Service)

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Lauren Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Kalyn Ortman