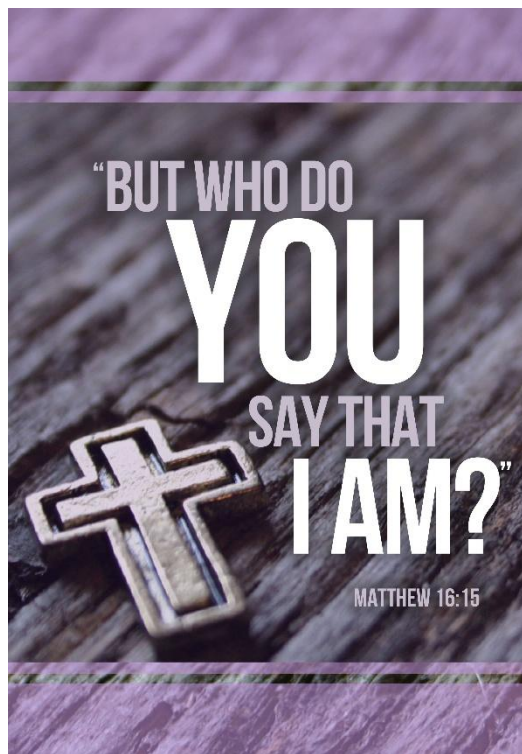




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

August 23, 2026

*Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord,
a spirit willing to worship and
serve you wholeheartedly.
Welcome to worship!*

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

The Church's One Foundation - Rob Peery

Welcome and Announcements – Chuck Haspels

Call to Worship/Centering Music

O Power of Love - Rob Peery

Kent Dick

*Worship Through Singing – Taste and See – VT #467

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O

F C/F Bb/F F Bb9 F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Bb/F F Csus C7 F2 Am7 3

1 I will bless the Lord at all
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with
3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you

Bbmaj7 F/A Gm11 F/A 3

times.
me.
peo-ple.

Praise shall al-ways be on my
To-geth-er let us all praise God's
You'll want for noth-ing if you

C9sus C7 F A7 A/C# Dm2

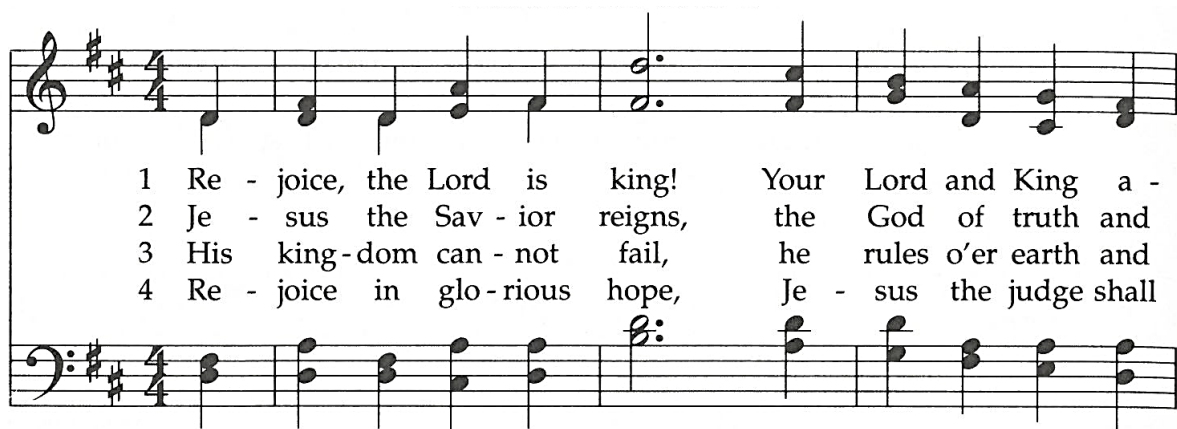
lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the Lord,
name. I called the Lord who an - swered me;
ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Dm7/C Bb9 F/A Gm7 C7 *To refrain*

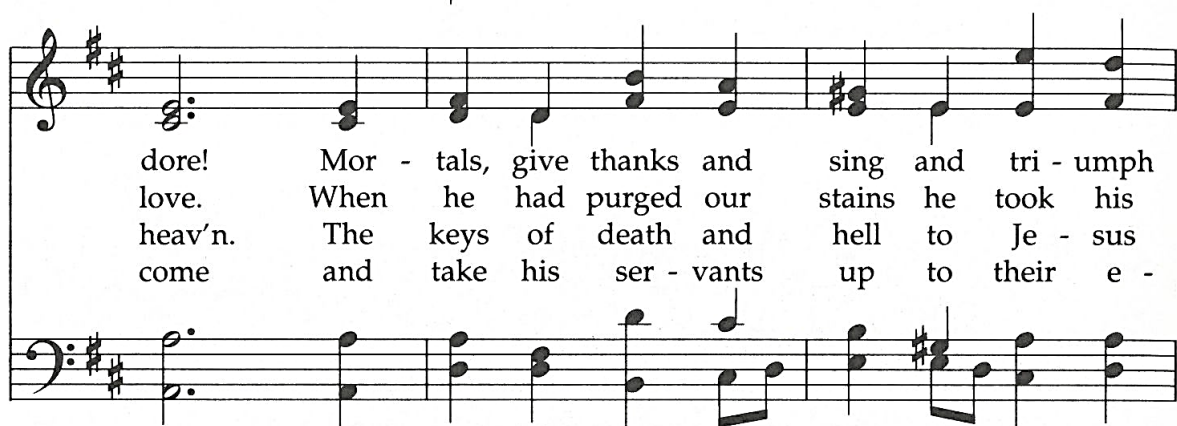
for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou-les I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

***Worship Through Singing – Rejoice, the Lord is king! – HWB**

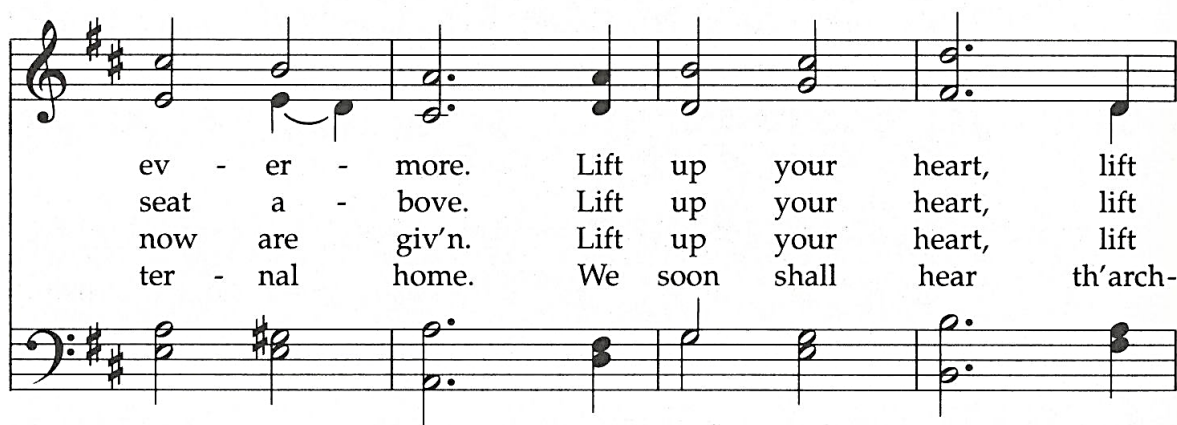
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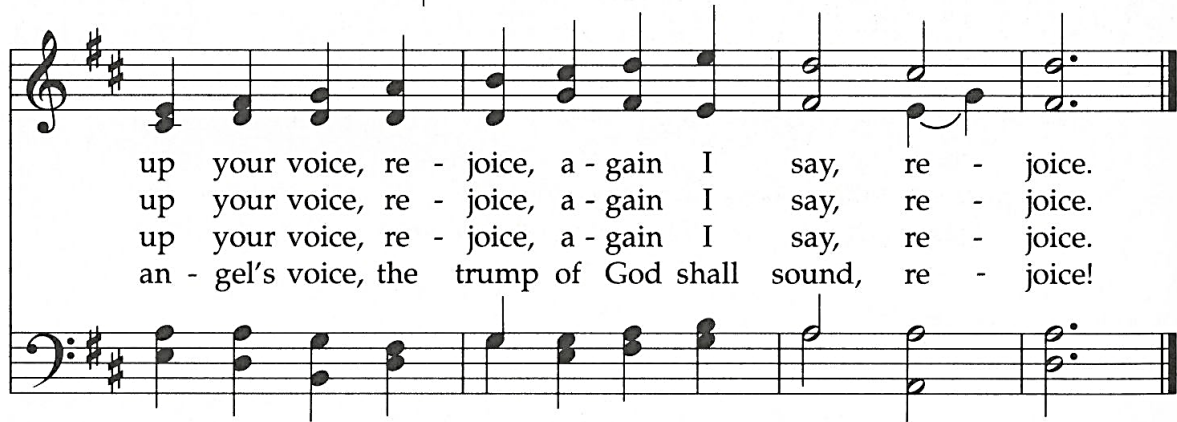
1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King a -
 2 Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and
 3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, Je - sus the judge shall



dore! Mor - tals, give thanks and sing and tri - umph
 love. When he had purged our stains he took his
 heav'n. The keys of death and hell to Je - sus
 come and take his ser - vants up to their e -



ev - er - more. Lift up your heart, lift
 seat a - bove. Lift up your heart, lift
 now are giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift
 ter - nal home. We soon shall hear th'arch -



up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 an - gel's voice, the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

Offering & Offertory – MC USA

Built on the Rock - Roger Wilson

Kent Dick

Scripture – Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 1524)

Children's Time – Denice Klassen

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

Worship Through Singing – Goodness of Jesus – Lyrics
Projected

Worship Through Singing – Mighty to Save – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve
Who You Say I Am

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song – Wonderful, Merciful Savior – Lyrics** Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Kent Dick**
Go Forth in Faith - David Paxton

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Aug. 24	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Aug. 25	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Aug. 27	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Care Team meeting
Aug. 28	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Shower for Michaela
Aug. 30	10:30 a.m.	Christian Education Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up TODAY to be a prayer partner! 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.

The deadline for the September newsletter is Tuesday, Aug. 25. Please email items you want included to office@firstmennonitehalstead.org. Thanks!

Adult Sunday School attendees: Classes will resume meeting in their classrooms next Sunday, August. 30.

Christian Education Sunday is next week, August 30! We will share in a potluck celebratory lunch following worship. Please bring a dish or two to share. The Nurture Ministry will provide fun decorations, games and prizes. You don't want to miss this annual event. Invite a friend to join us!

Remember to bring your items for school kits by next Sunday if not before! Here is what is included in each kit: 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (about 8.5 in x 11 in. and approx. 70 sheets); 8 new, unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm, inch markings optional); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large eraser; 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens; 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (these will be provided by the Nurture Ministry).

We invite First Mennonite to show some love to Josh and Denny Johnson in the coming weeks. Josh and their college-age son, Spencer, were involved in a car accident during Old Settlers and Spencer has a number of weeks of recovery ahead of him. Josh has filled in for Pastor Steve a few Sundays and the younger children participate in youth group and other activities. We would like to bless them with gift cards or cash for gas as they are driving back and forth to Wichita every day. There will be a basket under the coat rack to collect items. If you'd like to give electronically, Denny's Venmo is @Denille-Johnson

Kids Club resumes September 2 from 5-6 p.m. and will run for 8 weeks, ending October 21. Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays as we learn how the disciples began their ministry after Jesus' resurrection. We will dig into the book of Acts this school year. Supper for all at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening meals will begin on September 2 at 6 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to eat to help those making the food prepare the proper amount. Thanks!

Adult Bible Study will begin September 2 at 6:45 p.m. and will run for 6 weeks, ending on October 7. Casey Jacob will lead a 6-week study based on Tony Evans' book *Horizontal Jesus: How Our Relationships with Others Affect Our Experience with God.* All are welcome!

The September/October Upper Room devotionals are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Manhattan Mennonite Church invites you to our fun FUNdraiser to benefit the construction of our new meetinghouse on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Pottorf Hall in Cico Park at 1710 Avery Avenue in Manhattan, Kansas. We are a few months away from moving in, and you can help us fund our building. We'll have a silent auction of barn quilts, other local art, and homemade pies. There'll be live, old-time music by the Bodarc String Band, and the meal features bierocks that we invite you to pre-purchase using the QR code. The QR code is on the poster on the bulletin board.

Bethel College Update: Mon., Aug. 24 – “Alive with Wonder,” fabric art by Hattie Lee Mendoza, opens in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College* (reception Sept. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Life Enrichment**, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, resumes for the fall semester on Wednesday, Aug. 26, with Wynn Goering, “Seeing Into the Life of Things,” and Tommy Richardson, “What is GAF and Why is GAF in Newton?.” Brochures with the schedule are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Lois, Linda, Joel and their families as they celebrate Jim’s life while mourning the loss of his presence here on Earth.
- Continue to keep the family and friends of Orville Voth in prayer as they mourn his passing.
- Pray for all the students and teachers as they begin a new school year.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for persons elected to new WDC leadership roles at Annual Assembly, and pray for God’s guidance and wisdom for them as they begin a new year of service.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig, and their three children are relocating from MontbéliardCalais, France, to Beirut, Lebanon, this month. This will be their second move to a new continent in under two years. Pray for them as they transition into their new home and say goodbye to the friends they made in France.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Jason Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Emmit Jacob

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Building Maintenance \$100.00

Church Budget 2,195.00

MCUSA 100.00

Neighbors \$100.00

Scholarship Fund 1,571.50

Western District Conference 100.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 84

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Church Budget

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Michaela Forkenbrock, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox