

**Halstead
First Mennonite Church**

September 20, 2020

*Dear Lord, "I will meditate on your majestic,
glorious splendor and your wonderful
miracles" (Psalm 145:5, NLT). Amen.*

**"THE
LAST
WILL BE
FIRST,
AND THE
FIRST
LAST."**

MATTHEW 20:16, ESV



Gathering Music- Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music- Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

Come!
Come and worship,
you who woke early and you who slept late;
you who come often, and you who don't.
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,
and more than enough grace to go around.
Let's worship God together!

Praise Song- O Worship the King- HWB #66

PRAISING/ADORING

O worship the King 66

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing his pow - er and his love;
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend!

Praise Song- *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy-* HWB #145

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

145 There's a wideness in God's mercy

WELLESLEY 87. 87



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy,
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner,
3 But we make God's love too nar - row
4 For the love of God is broad - er
5 If our love were but more sim - ple



1 like the wide - ness of the sea. There's a kind - ness
2 and more grac - es for the good. There is mer - cy
3 by false lim - its of our own, and we mag - ni -
4 than the mea - sures of the mind, and the heart of
5 we should rest up - on God's word, and our lives would



1 in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
2 with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
3 fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
4 the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
5 be il - lu - mined by the pres - ence of our Lord.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, *Oratory Hymns*, 1854, *Hymns*, 1862
Music: Lizzie S. Tourjée, *Hymnal of the Methodist Church with Tunes*, 1878

Praise Song- *Your Grace is Enough-* Projected

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's
restless heart
You lead us by still waters into
mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of
Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your
salvation
And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Children's Story

Praise Song- *From the Inside Out-* Projected

A thousand times I've failed
Still Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else
fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else
fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart in my soul
Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out
Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else
fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)

Praise Song- O How Wondrous the Grace- HWB #147

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

147 Oh, how wondrous the grace

RICHES OF GRACE 98. 98 with refrain

1 Oh, how won - drous the grace of our God, how
2 We were sunk in the ru - ins of sin, but
3 We are saved by the grace of our God, and are

sweet and how joy - ous the thought, that Christ ran - somed our
swift - ly he came to our aid. O'er our foes he did
kept by his pow - er and love. All our sins washed a -

souls with his blood, for us he sal - va - tion has bought!
vic - to - ry win, for us, peace with God he has made.
way in the blood, each day we his faith - ful - ness prove.

Refrain

Oh, how deep are the rich - es of grace, how great is the

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" "Because no one has hired us," they answered. He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first." The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Message- *Grace and Justice; Grace or Justice?*

Pastor Steve

Closing Song- *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Benediction

Postlude- Cindy Siemens

CALENDAR

Sept. 21	7:30 pm	Church Council
Sept. 23	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Grab & Go Meal
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Hesston College. Please place your offering in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or send to James Nightingale, 2819 N. Spring Lake, Burrton, KS 67020. The offering on Sept. 27 is for Church Budget.

Offering deposited on 9/13/20: Church Budget (\$3,700.00); WDC (\$945.25); MC USA (\$50.00); Birthday (\$25.00)

Thank You for the prayers and cards during this time. We ask for continued prayers as this is far from over. -Duane & Pauline Regier

Kids Club meets each Wednesday at 5 pm until Oct. 28. Kids ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to join us outside as we travel back in time to previous VBS stories. A grab-and-go meal will be available at 6 pm for families or any adult that would like to sign-up and join us for a meal outside or to take home. A sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway and on Facebook.

Mom's Group is BACK! We will begin meeting for Bible Study and fellowship at a new day and time. Our first session will be Sunday, September 27th at 6 pm. Childcare will not initially be provided, but please talk with Kaitlen or Melanie if this is something that would be helpful.

P&M Pumpkin Ranch- We have our campfire reserved for Sunday, October 4th, from 3-7 pm at P&M Pumpkin Ranch (311 16th Avenue, Moundridge). The church will provide hotdogs, chips & drinks. Mention First Mennonite when you pay and you'll receive a 10% discount that day; regular ticket price is \$9.50.

Buhler Mennonite Church is sponsoring Outreach Meals in partnership with Ideatek. They hope to package 50,000 meals! The event is Oct. 17 and you may register to help at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545aead2ea1f58-100000 or call Buhler Mennonite at 620-543-2733 or bmcpastor@gmail.com. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. [Register online at Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com). Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Central Committee invites you join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire

participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

A few openings for Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats! Camp Mennoscah's retreats with limited numbers are October 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. Participants will stay in the Retreat Center with their own bathroom and scrapbook/crafts tables will be set up in the dining hall to provide more space and better ventilation. Register at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Fall Festival at Bethel College is not canceled but will look different this year. While there won't be a "Fall Festival fair" on campus Oct. 3, there will be a homecoming football game, an art exhibit by David Long, and a virtual play written by Karen Robu, among other events. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30). See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Praise God for the announcement of a baby girl due in January to Abram and Emily Rodenberg!
- Continue to pray for Duane Regier. This week his white blood cell count was up which means they are on the right track but it's not high enough. So his treatment will increase. Continue to pray for healing and strength during this time and continued wisdom for the doctors working with him.
- Keep Jo Pjesky in prayer as she has a pacemaker put in this coming Monday the 21st. May the procedure go smoothly and her recovery is quick.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they meet online next Saturday for Reference Council, a time for orientation and reflection together on common mission and priorities for the coming year.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at *La Casa Grande* and that the children will not fall behind in their education.