



Halstead First Mennonite Church

October 11, 2020

**"O LORD ... we will exalt you, we will praise your name" (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).
Welcome, friends, as we gather to exalt and praise God.**

Gathering Music- Kent Dick

*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness – Brahms
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music- Kent Dick

Trust and Obey - Powell

Call to Worship

Leader: Called apart to serve God alone,

People: we are ready to focus on what is good and true.

Leader: Called to be partners with God,

People: we are ready to serve God and God's world.

Leader: Called as beloved children of the Most High,

People: we are ready to love, as we have been loved.

Leader: Called by God,

People: we are blessed indeed!

Praise Song- When We Walk with the Lord - HWB #544

FAITH JOURNEY: Discipleship/Obedience

When we walk with the Lord 544

TRUST AND OBEY 669D

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a
2 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our
3 But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love, un-til
4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo-ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a-
toil he doth rich-ly re-pay. Not a grief nor a loss, not a
all on the al-tar we lay, for the fa-vor he shows, and the
walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he

bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o-bey.
frown nor a cross, but is bless'd if we trust and o-bey.
joy he be-stows, are for them who will trust and o-bey.
sends we will go, nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

Refrain

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way to be

hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

Praise Song- Be Thou My Vision – HWB #545

FAITH JOURNEY: Discipleship/Obedience

545 Be thou my vision

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
5 High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

1 naught be all else to me save that thou art.
2 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
3 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
4 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
5 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
2 Thou my great Fa - ther, thy child may I be,
3 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
4 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
5 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
2 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
3 Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
5 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Ancient Irish, *Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride*; tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne, *Erin*, Vol. II, 1905
Music: Irish melody, *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs*, 1909; harmonized by Martin Shaw, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931, alt.

Praise Song- *Good Good Father*

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Children's Story

Praise Song- *Oceans*

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
Interlude
Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

Praise Song – *Beautiful Things*

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

Bridge

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new
(REPEAT)

Child Dedication – Jamison Smoker

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Message- *A Case of Mistaken Identity* - Pastor Steve

Closing Song- *Shepherd Me O God* – HWB #519

FAITH JOURNEY: Conversion/Regeneration

Shepherd me, O God 519

Irregular

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first line of music is labeled 'Refrain' and has a 'Dotted' time signature. The second line of music is labeled 'Irregular' and has a 'Dotted' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life.'

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Stanzas

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
(Refrain)
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
(Refrain)
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
(Refrain)
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
(Refrain)
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.
(Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude- Kent Dick

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above - Powell

CALENDAR

Oct. 11	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
	6:00 pm	Jr. High Youth Group
Oct. 13	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Oct. 14	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Grab & Go Meal
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Oct. 18	5-7 pm	Foster Family Evening

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Jr. High Youth Group will be meeting again! Our first meeting is TONIGHT at 6 pm at the church. We will plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All youth grades 6-8th are welcome!

The offering today is for Church Budget. 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 Oct. 18 is for Hog Roast Mission.

Offering deposited on 10/7/20: Church Budget (\$1,680.00); Building Maintenance (\$400.00); Hog Roast Mission (\$100.00); MC USA (\$1,075.00); Neighbors (\$50.00); WDC (\$100.00); Wednesday Supper (\$10.83).

We'll be hosting a foster family evening Sunday, October 18th from 5-7 pm on the church lawn and in the park. If you'd like to help grill hamburgers and hot dogs, serve the meal, or provide cookies, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Nurture Ministry News: The elementary children will move inside the church for Sunday school beginning on October 25. The adults will meet in their own classrooms following the completion of the DVD study.

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.

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

The Pine Village Benefit Day Auction will be 100% online and will begin Thursday, October 15th at 8 a.m. and end on Thursday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. In addition to the online auction, Pine Village is also selling raffle tickets for a Patrick Mahomes autographed Super Bowl LIV football. The raffle tickets are available now at www.pinevillageks.org. You can also preview all the auction items online now. All proceeds will benefit the 2020 Benefit Day Project – the updating of the Gathering Place and the original Assisted Living!

Your vote matters! This article located at the website: (<https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/your-vote-matters-to-us/>) from the perspective of DREAMERS (young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children) is the next article sponsored by the WDC Immigration Task Force in their series before the election. Please read it!

Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church (43 13th Ave, Inman KS) annual Mission Supper is just around the corner. We will be offering a carry out meal only featuring our traditional menu. Orders will be accepted from Oct. 4- 18; call/text Barb Reeves (620-543-6863) or Teresa Schrag (620-242-2357). Meal pick-up will be at the church from 5-6:30pm on October 24. This is a free-will offering for the Buhler Omega Project. We look forward to serving you!

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). You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Camp Mennoscah volunteers will be removing the Camp Mennoscah dam on October 18 beginning at 3pm (after a morning baptism). You are welcome to come watch the process (please bring a mask and/or expect to stay at least 6 ft. away from others). If you would like to help in the removal process, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Physical distancing and mask wearing may not be feasible for those in the water.

Last chance for canoeing before the dam comes out! Come to Camp Mennoscah for a day or overnight retreat and spend those hours basking in a canoe. You can also hike the trails in cooler weather, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Due to Bethel College's current COVID status, the Chamber Orchestra concert scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 13, has been canceled (it may be rescheduled, or recorded at a later date).

Mon., Oct. 12 – "In the Time of Injustice and Unrest, Cultural Humility Calms the Storm," a virtual presentation by Dr. Juliana Mosley, 10-11:30 a.m., sponsored by Bethel College's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. To register, send your name and e-mail address to diversity@bethelks.edu, with "Juliana Mosley" in the subject line. Dr. Mosley is chief diversity, inclusion and public relations officer at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and an experienced public speaker, including a TEDx Talk.

2020 Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College – For the first time in 68 years, this annual series will be delivered virtually. The speaker is **César Garcia**, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is "Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity." Lectures are Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow); Monday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. (pre-recorded); and Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow). To register, go to <https://forms.gle/t55EqJrttWn4md8A> All

registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

Virtual events from Bethel College's Fall Festival, Oct. 2-4, can still be viewed on its YouTube channel, including *No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition*, an original play by Karen Robu, based on the life of Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained in a mainline denomination in the United States, and an outspoken anti-slavery, temperance and women's suffrage advocate. You can also see the 2020 alumni awards presentations to Doris Bartel and Barry Hieb and Todd Flory's Young Alumnus Award convocation (after Oct.

9). <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk8Gp04MBoPIO2NUap95ug> and click the "Videos" link.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for John Will as he will be having hip surgery on October 13. Pray for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery.
- Pray for Marilyn Balzer who will be having a procedure to remove a blood clot. Pray for continued good health so that the procedure can take place. Also pray for a successful operation and good recovery.
- Pray for Duane Regier who has developed pneumonia in both lungs and is still dealing with blood cancer. Pray for God's healing hands to be upon him during this time. Pray for the doctor's wisdom as they treat and care for Duane.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous contributions that support WDC's work of sustaining pastors and leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing church planting partnerships.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for family members as their daughters continue with e-learning and as Brian and Noelia adapt classes at the English academy. Pray also for their ministry with the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.