



Halstead First Mennonite Church

November 1, 2020

"Oh, when the saints go marching in!" Thank you, Jesus, for counting me in that "number" – those saved by your grace and love.

Gathering Music- Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements- Melanie Haspels

Centering Music- Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bless God every chance we get.

People: **We bless the God of our salvation.**

Leader: Magnify the Lord.

People: **We lift up God's name in praise.**

Leader: O taste and see that God is good.

People: **Those who make their home in God are filled with joy.**

Leader: Magnify the Lord.

People: **Lift God's name in praise.**

Praise Song- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - HWB #285

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Ascension

All hail the power of Jesus' name 285

DIADEM CM extended

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-somed 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, let an - gels pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al
 fall, ye ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es -
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

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

crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 him, and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, *Gospel Magazine*, 1779-1780; revised by John Rippon, *Selection of Hymns*, 1789
 Music: James Ellor, ca. 1838

Praise Song- Crown Him with Many Crowns – HWB #116

PRAISING/ADORING

116 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA SMD

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on the throne.
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side.
 4 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

1 Hark! how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mus-ic but its own.
 2 and rose vic-tor-ious in the strife for those he came to save.
 3 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 4 from pole to pole that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
 5 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub-lime.

1 A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 2 His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 3 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 4 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet
 5 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me.

1 and hail him as the match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 3 but down-ward bend their burn-ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright.
 4 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 5 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, *Hymns of the Heart*, 2nd ed. (Sts. 1, 3-5), 1851; Godfrey Thring, *Hymns and Sacred Lyrics* (St. 2), 1874
 Music: George J. Elvey, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Appendix, 1868

Praise Song- Majesty

Chorus

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

Children's Story

Praise Song- Hallelujah to the Lamb

Verse 1

Lord I stand in the midst of a multitude
Of those from every tribe and tongue
We are Your people
Redeemed by Your blood
Purchased from death by Your love
There are no words
Good enough to thank You
There are no words to express my praise
But I will lift up my voice
And sing from my heart
With all of my strength

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah hallelujah
By the blood of Christ we stand
Every tongue every tribe
Every people every land
Giving glory giving honor
Giving praise unto the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Lord we stand by grace in Your
presence
Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb
We are Your children
Called by Your name
Humbly we bow and we pray
Release Your power
To work in us and through us
'Til we are changed to be more like You
Then all the nations will see
Your glory revealed
And worship You

Bridge

Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That You are Lord of all

Praise Song- Great is the Lord - HWB #87

PRAISING/ADORING

87

Great is the Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD 10 9954 with refrain

Refrain \square C Dm⁷ G C F G

Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just, by his pow-er we trust in his

love. Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true, by his

mer-cy he proves he is love. 1 Great is the Lord, and
2 Great are you, Lord, and

wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.
wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system is the refrain, marked with a square symbol. The second system includes the word 'love.' with a fermata. The third system includes two alternative lines for the lyrics. The fourth system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, 1982
Music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, 1982

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PRAISING/ADORING

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

Great Great is the Lord!
Great are you, Lord! Lord! Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he

said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Message– *Looking Back and Moving Forward* - Pastor Steve

Closing Song- *Behold Our God*

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Benediction

Postlude- Cindy Siemens

CALENDAR

Nov. 2	10:30 am	Raleigh Unruh Memorial Service
Nov. 4	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Nov. 8	9:15 am	Pastoral Review from Marv Zehr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The November/December issue of the daily devotional *The Upper Room* is now available in the literature rack. If you would like one mailed to you, please let me know!

The offering today is for MC USA. 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 Nov. 8 is for Harvest Mission Projects (see announcement below).

The Mission Supper will not be held this year due to safety concerns related to Covid 19. We will still be raising funds to support two mission efforts. Dave and Rebekka Stutzman, Mission Network workers in Germany and The Neighbors Store in Halstead. The offering on Sunday November 8 will go towards these missions. Since we will not have funds from the Mission Supper, please consider additional contributions. Thank You.

Offering deposited on 10/27/20: Church Budget (\$1,175.00); Camp Mennoscah (\$95.00); Hog Roast (\$675.00); Hymnal (\$50.00); MC USA (\$165.00); Meat Canning (\$200.00); Joyce Franz Memorial (\$50.00); Wednesday Supper (\$5.00); WDC (\$775.00).

The Vision Team has completed the Pastor/Congregation review for 2020 and the Western District Conference Consultant, Marv Zehr, has compiled a summary based on your responses. Our plan is to use the Sunday school time on November 8 at 9:15am to present the summary to the congregation. We hope to have a Zoom option available so that those who wish to participate remotely can do so. The Zoom meeting information will be sent out sometime before Nov. 8. You can direct any questions or comments to Jason Smoker. We also plan to have a vote to affirm Pastor Steve's next three years at First Mennonite Church of Halstead sometime in the weeks following the review presentation.

Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton Nov. 10-12 (Tuesday through Thursday). Work begins at 7 am, and time commitment can vary from a few hours to most of the day. The canner will be completing 4 batches per day, rather than 6-7 batches as was done in previous years. Meat canning workers will be more spread out during the work shifts to promote social distancing. There is still a domestic and international need for MCC canned meat, so let's do all we CAN (pun intended). Please contribute your labor, and your monetary resources. Please write checks to First Mennonite Church, with meat canning in the memo. Place these in the offering box by Nov. 15, or as soon as possible. Speak with Chuck Mueller for more information. 620 951-4142

The Organ Recital Series at Bethel College featuring Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., originally scheduled for Nov. 3, has been postponed until a date TBA.

KIPCOR presents Sarah Smarsh, Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m., speaking via Zoom on "Bridging the Cultural Divide in Difficult Times." Smarsh is the author of two acclaimed books on poverty and class in America: *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* and, just released, *She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs*. To register for the Zoom link, go to kipcor.org, click on the event and scroll down to the "Register Now" button. Also on kipcor.org: look for the link to KIPCOR's first-ever "KIPCORathon," taking place Nov. 5 as well.

The KIPCOR Film Series continues with Cooked: Survival by ZIP Code, a multiple-award-winning documentary that focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how minorities and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of our nation's disaster preparedness, and forges a link between extreme weather, extreme disparity and extreme racism. Note that watching the film and participating in the talk-back are two distinct, separate events. You must view the film between Nov. 8 and Nov. 14, using this link and password: <https://vimeo.com/bullfrogfilms/kipcor-cooked>; password: KC30p0 (KC3-zero-p-zero). Then on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., KIPCOR will host a virtual discussion of the film with Christy Miller Hesed, Hesston, a postdoctoral associate in environmental anthropology at the University of Maryland. To register for the talk-back, go to kipcor.org, click on the event, and scroll down to the registration link. The Zoom link will be sent Nov. 13; advance registration is required for the talk-back.

Mask Ask! MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines: -Adult sized, -Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred), -Elastic ear loops, -Nose wire/filter pockets optional. Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by November 15th. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

The Tabor Church Mennonite Men would like to invite everyone to the annual chicken barbeque on Nov. 5 from 5-7 pm or until the food runs out. This year it will be a to-go pick up meal. The menu is BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream and the food will taste great as usual. From the south end of the east parking lot please drive around the south side of the church under the overhang to place your donation and pick up your meal(s). The funds raised will go to Mennonite Central Committee and Bethesda Home in Goessel. The church is located 8 miles north of Newton to 90th then 1 mile east or 3 miles south and 1 east of Goessel.

Gardell Stucky, dedicated Facilities Director for the past 7 and a half years at Camp Mennoscah, retired as of October 30, 2020. You are invited to celebrate his time at Camp Mennoscah with a card or email: gardell.stucky@campmennoscah.org or PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111. Belated greetings will be forwarded to Gardell, so send without fear!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- John Will had hip surgery October 29. Please pray for a complete recovery. May God grant strength and patience during the process.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Raleigh Unruh who passed away Oct. 26. May God be near to and comfort them all during this time.
- Please continue to keep the family of Joyce Franz in prayer as they mourn her passing and make plans for celebrating her life.
- Western District Conference: Pray for God's strength for chaplains and others in WDC caring for those facing pain, illness and death in the midst of the pandemic.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Tuesday is election day in the United States. Join Mennonite Mission Network in prayer for the vote to take place without violence and that leaders will be elected who will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.