



Halstead
First Mennonite
Church
November 8, 2020

"My people, hear my teaching," says the Lord. "Listen to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 78:1 NIV). God, help me focus my attention and listen well to you during this worship service. Amen.

Gathering Music- Kent Dick

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella – Harris
Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying – Bach
How Brightly Beams the Morning Star - Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music- Kent Dick

In Christ Alone - Leatherman

Call to Worship

Leader: Our ancestors have led us here.
People: We are witnesses of their faith.
Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
People: We are children of its call.
Leader: The choice to follow God lies before us.
People: We are heirs of its promise.
Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.
People: We are here to worship the Lord.

PRAISING/ADORING

Immortal, invisible, God only wise 70

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Great God of all glo - ry, great God of all light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might,
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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Sleepers, wake!

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1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as-tounds us. The shout of ram-
 2 Zi - on hears the night-watch sing - ing. Her heart with joy-
 3 Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you. Let saints and an-

part guards sur-rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 ful hope is spring - ing. She wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 gels sing be - fore you, as harps and cym-bals swell the sound.

Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-
 Forth he comes, the Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace,
 Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: through them we stream

mons clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 in truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light grows bright.
 to join th'im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light. The Bride - groom is in sight.
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word.
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
 Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all in - to the hall
 Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King.

that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 to join the wed - ding fes - ti - val.
 For - ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Praise Song- *He Knows My Name*

Verse 1

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand

Chorus

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

Verse 2

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

Children's Story

Praise Song- *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music– *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Scripture Reading- Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Message– *Being Prepared* - Pastor Steve

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What If It Were To-day?

Mrs. C. H. M.

Mrs. C. H. MORRIS

1. Je - sus is com - ing to earth a - gain, What if it were to - day?
2. Sa - tan's do - min - ion will then be o'er, O that it were to - day!
3. Faith - ful and true would He find us here If He should come to - day?

Com - ing in pow - er and love to reign, What if it were to - day?
Sor - row and sigh - ing shall be no more, O that it were to - day!
Watch - ing in glad - ness and not in fear, If He should come to - day?

Com - ing to claim His cho - sen Bride, All the re - deemed and pu - ri - fied,
Then shall the dead in Christ a - rise, Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
Signs of His com - ing mul - ti - ply, Morning light breaks in east - ern sky,

rit. *a tempo*
O - ver this whole earth scat - tered wide, What if it were to - day?
When shall these glo - ries meet our eyes? What if it were to - day?
Watch, for the time is draw - ing nigh, What if it were to - day?

CHORUS

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Joy to my heart 'twill bring;... Glo - ry, glo - ry!
Joy to my heart 'twill bring;

When we shall crown Him King;... Glo - ry, glo - ry! Haste to pre-prepare the way;... Glo - ry, glo - ry! Je - sus will come some day.

When we shall crown Him King; Haste to pre-prepare the way;

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Benediction

Postlude- Kent Dick

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme – Walther

CALENDAR

Nov. 8	9: 15 am	Pastoral Review Report from Marv Zehr
Nov. 10	7: 45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Nov. 10-12		MCC Meat Canning
Nov. 11	6: 30 pm	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: Please change the address for Jim & Joyce Koehn in your directory to 1430 S. Main, Halstead, KS 67056. Thank you. A flyer was placed in your church mailbox with items needed for the Neighbors Store Thanksgiving boxes. *Please have your items to the store by Nov. 18.* Items needed are: turkey or turkey breast, boxed potato, stuffing, canned fruit and vegetables, pie, money for fresh produce.

The offering today is for the Harvest Mission Festival Projects (Stutzman Family & Neighbors Store). 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. 15 is for Church Budget.

Offering deposited on 11/01/20: Church Budget (\$1,725.00); Camp Mennoscah (\$400.00); Hesston College (\$35.00); Hog Roast (\$35.00); MC USA (\$646.00); Meat Canning (\$640.00); Mission (\$550.00); Neighbors (\$50.00); WDC (\$145.00).

Today's offering will be for Dave and Rebekka Stutzman, Mennonite Mission Network workers in Germany that our congregation has been supporting and The Neighbors Store in Halstead. The Mission Supper proceeds, which was cancelled this year due to Covid 19, would have also gone to these area. Keep this in mind as you contribute this Sunday. Checks can be made out with Mission Supper in the memo line. Check out information on Neighbors Store on their facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Shopping---Retail/Halstead-Neighbors-Store-190768144840861/> , and the following links about Dave and Rebekka Stutzman included a video showing their work in Germany <https://www.mennonitemission.net/video/A-glimpse-of-life-as-missionaries.-neighbors,-parents-and-friends> and a recent prayer letter from them.

<https://mailchi.mp/e100d457e0c3/stutzfamily-summer-update-2020?e=a38485aa2c>

Thank You!

The Anchor Sunday school class invites anyone to join them on Sunday mornings for Sunday school at 9:15 am. They will finish the fall Bible study from the Salt & Light books (Quarterly series) and then following that study they plan to continue with a DVD series.

Thank You Note: I wish to thank my church family for the cards and prayers during my recent procedure. I am doing well! -Marylin Balzer

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 9:15 am to present the summary to the congregation on Zoom only. The Zoom meeting information was emailed on Nov. 7. 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 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.

Now on display in the Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center, at Bethel College: "Noir + More," recent work by Denise Brueggeman. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on Dec. 5. Follow this link for sign-up options: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABA2EA4FDCF8-baked>

Everence will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, as a webinar on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Giving Tuesday is December 1 – Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. You may make an online contribution or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups as they meet virtually or in person to offer support and encouragement to one another in their ministry.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @ 01/01/20	9,960.80
Jan.-Sept. Receipts	97,322.95
Jan.-Sept. Expenses	<u>(89,410.26)</u>
Budget balance @ 9/30/20	17,873.49
October Receipts	4,782.25
October Expenses	(11,799.41)
Budget balance @ 10/31/20	10,856.33