



**Halstead
First Mennonite Church**

August 23, 2020

***Welcome to this opportunity to
worship our loving and life-giving
God! "Praise God from whom all
blessings flow!"***

Gathering- Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements- Pastor Steve

Centering Music- Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

Here with these people you are called into a calling.

Come, friends, you are welcome -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we choose to like each other, lift each other up,
humbly, gently, patiently -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we are a small part of one body in one Spirit,
with one Lord, one faith, one baptism -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we share hope in one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Praise Song- *Be Unto Your Name*

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Ending

Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

Praise Song- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

Praise Song– *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord*

Chorus

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

Bridge

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

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Song- Come, Thou Fount - HWB #521

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1 Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace. Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
help I'm come, and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God. He, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my

mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Praise Song- *Ancient Words*

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

Ending

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Message– *The Unity Manual* - Pastor Steve

Song – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, HWB #307

*E^b A^b B^b7 E^b Cm

1,6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

Fm B^b A^b E^b A^b

1,6 be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 2 trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to help each
 3 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 4 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 5 find such har - mon - y, born of all we've known to -

B^b7 Cm Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

1,6 grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 2 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 3 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 4 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 5 geth - er of Christ's love and a - gon - y.

The Wedding of George Torres & Diana Buller

The Declaration of Intent

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

Pronouncement

Closing Prayer

Introduction

Sending Song- *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of
Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Postlude- Cindy Siemens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve will be mostly working from home until the beginning of school (Sept. 3). He is happy to meet you at the church when needed. Please call or text him at 316-322-5651.

The offering today is for the Church Scholarship Fund. Please place your offering in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary, place in James' church mailbox or continue to send to James Nightingale, 2819 N. Spring Lake, Burrton, KS 67020. The offering for August 30 is for MC USA. Offering deposited on 8/20/20: Church Budget (\$3,170.00); MC USA (\$30.00); Scholarship Fund (\$150.00); WDC (\$70.00).

It's MCC School Kit Time! The Nurture Ministry invites you to prepare and share MCC school kits. A box is available outside of Stauffer Hall to collect the kits. Items needed for each kit can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Thank you: Ruby Buller sends her thanks to everyone for all the birthday cards she received for her 90th birthday on August 18.

It's time for a Church Family Reunion! The Hospitality Ministry invites you to bring your own picnic and spread out on the lawn and in the park following worship on August 30. While we can't do a typical potluck at the moment, we would still like to provide an opportunity for fellowship with others in an outdoor setting. Bring a chair/blanket and your own lunch and drinks, as the church will not be providing anything. In case of rain, we will postpone it.

The time has come for the pastoral review that takes place every three years. The Vision team has been working with a Western District Conference consultant (Marv Zehr) to put together the survey questions. You can fill this form out online or a paper copy. The survey needs to be completed by August 24. The survey is a good opportunity to give Steve feedback on different areas of ministry taking place at FMC. Encouragement can be given as well as suggestions for areas of growth within the ministry at FMC. All responses will go to the WDC consultant who will be the only person to see individual responses. He will put those into a written report which will be available to the congregation this fall. Contact Jason Smoker (jasonls81@gmail.com) if you have questions about the evaluation or want more information about its purpose.

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be a one-day event on Monday, September 7. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. Activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines. Please bring a mask with you. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Limited number of openings! Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will take place on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. Masks and physical distancing guidelines will be followed and the facility used has been changed. More spaces will be opened as determined safe and feasible, so put your name on the waitlist! Register online at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for further information.

Camp Mennoscah welcomes guests! Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities. We can't wait to see you!

Western District Women's Retreat 2020: After much discussion and prayer, the Western District Women in Mission Retreat Committee has decided not to meet in person at Camp Mennoscah this year. We will miss all of you and the energy and joy you bring to camp. However, we WILL gather virtually on Saturday night, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom for a worship service. Our goal is to connect to and encourage each other through Christ and His love for us. Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Mennonite in Newton) will lead us on "Reflections on God as Keeper." Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books. Annelle Claassen (Retreat Committee Chair) will lead singing, and Karen Mascho (Pastor and Retreat Committee) will lead communion together. No masks required! For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh

at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com Save the date and we look forward to seeing your whole face!

The 2020 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's online journal, is live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Alain Epp Weaver, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Cheryl Denise, Christopher Reed, Emma Beachy, Jason Schmidt, Joanne Lehman, Joyce Zuercher, Julia Kasdorf, Keith Sprunger, Lisa Schirch, Marc Gopin, Melanie Zuercher and Raylene Hinz-Penner.

For the health and safety of participants and the wider community, Life Enrichment at Bethel College is canceled for the fall 2020 semester.

The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is now online! See bcwamarketonline.com

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon. A massive explosion on Aug. 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling [\(888\) 563-4676](tel:8885634676) or by sending

a check earmarked for "Beirut response" to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.

Join the growing culture of discipleship in the church! Save your spot in the next Missional Discipleship Initiative cohort.

Visit MennoniteMission.net/MDI and sign up for the next MDI cycle, starting Sept. 1.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Praise God for the marriage of George & Diana! Pray for them as they begin this new chapter in their lives.
- Keep the children and teachers in prayer as the beginning of the school year approaches. This year contains many challenges with all the changes and restrictions. May our teachers find the strength to tackle new challenges and creativity to meet the needs of the children. May the children be able to learn and grow throughout the school year.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as they meet this week, tending to the financial health of the conference, and promoting generosity and sharing of resources to further the mission of WDC.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This is a month of change for Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to study or work. Pray also for those who are beginning to learn and serve in Alamosa (Colorado), San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.