



Halstead First Mennonite Church

September 13, 2020

Lord, you guided Israel with fire and cloud; I see your direction for me too: through prayer, wise friends and here in worship. Thank you!

Gathering Music- Kent Dick

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Gounod
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive – Price/Lasky

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music- Kent Dick

Just as I Am - Wood

Call to Worship

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

Sing songs and hymns, old and new; celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

For God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all who believe.

Let's praise God together!

Praise Song- *Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord*

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MARVELOUS GRACE 99. 99 with refrain

1 Mar-vel-ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex-ceeds our
 2 Sin and de-spair, like the sea waves cold, threat-en the soul with
 3 Mar-vel-ous, in - fi-nite, match-less grace, free - ly be-stowed on

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out-poured,
 in - fi - nite loss. Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 all who be - lieve. You that are long - ing to see his face,

Refrain

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace,
 in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous

grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.
 grace, in - fi - nite grace,

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He Lifted Me

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1. In lov - ing-kind-ness Je - sus came My soul in mer - cy to re-claim,
2. He called me long be - fore I heard, Be - fore my sin-ful heart was stirred,
3. His brow was pierced with many a thorn, His hands by cru - el nails were torn,
4. Now on a high - er plane I dwell, And with my soul I know 'tis well;



And from the depths of sin and shame Thro' grace He lift - ed me.
 But when I took Him at His word, For-giv'n He lift - ed me.
 When from my guilt and grief, forlorn, In love He lift - ed me.
 Yet how or why, I can-not tell, He should have lift - ed me. He lift-ed me.



CHORUS.



From sink-ing sand He lift - ed me, With ten-der hand He lift - ed me,



From shades of night to plains of light, Oh, praise His name, He lift - ed me!



Praise Song- *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Children's Story

Praise Song- Forgive our Sins as we Forgive

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

137 Forgive our sins as we forgive

DETROIT CM

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and

taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew: what tri - vial debts are
bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, bound to all in

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, how great our debt to you.
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

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Praise Song- *Forgiveness*, Praise Team Special Music

Verse 1

It's the hardest thing to give away
And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those who don't deserve
It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused is just too real
It takes everything you have to say the word
Forgiveness forgiveness

Verse 2

It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you've got a right to hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear sayin' set it free
Forgiveness forgiveness
Forgiveness forgiveness

Chorus 1

Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness forgiveness
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness

Verse 3

It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what its power can do
So let it go and be amazed
By what you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that it really frees is you
Forgiveness forgiveness
Oh forgiveness forgiveness

Chorus 2

Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness I want to finally set if free
Show me how to see what Your mercy sees
Help me now to give what You gave to me
Forgiveness oh forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message- *Waves of Forgiveness*, Pastor Steve

Closing Song- *You are My King (Amazing Love)*

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Benediction

Postlude- Kent Dick
Victory Through Faith - Smith

CALENDAR

Sept. 14	7:00 pm	Nurture Meeting
Sept. 16	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Grab & Go Meal
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: Kaitlen Ortman will be producing the bulletin for next Sunday, Sept. 20. Please send her any announcements at kaitlen.ortman@gmail.com.

The offering today is for WDC. 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. 20 is for Hesston College.

Offering deposited on 9/10/20: Church Budget (\$4,220.00); Care Portal (\$100.00); Hesston College (\$70.00); Hymnals (\$50.00); Neighbors (\$50.00); Nurture Ministry (\$20.00); WDC (\$195.00).

Kids Club began last week and will run until Oct. 28. Kids ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to join us outside from 5-6 pm 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.

The Nurture Ministry began a group email for Christian Nurture for 100 days. We are focusing on "The Promises of God" and sending a daily email with a promise, scripture and prayer each day (except Sunday). If you are not being included on the email list and would like to be, please email Debbie at debnight78@gmail.com. (This is a new email address for me and you can delete my former Hotmail email address.) We hope you will find inspiration and hope in these promises of God and keep searching for more in God's Word!

The adult Sunday school Quarterlies (now called Salt & Light) are available in the library to pick up. I will be happy to mail you one if you are unable to get one in person. Please let me know at 316-641-4633 or debnight78@gmail.com.

If you can tie a knot you can help MCC! There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we're looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at (katemast@mcc.org, 316.804.8432). Thank you!

The 9th Annual Benefit Day Bierock sale is back! Fresh, homemade bierocks sold by the half dozen are available for pre-order. Orders can be made online at www.pinevillageks.org, or by returning an order form to Pine Village. ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY **September 15th**. Pick up will be Friday, September 25, 2020 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, September

26, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Eden Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS. Please use the back entrance for pick up. All the bierocks are cooked perfectly and packaged, ready to eat or ready to freeze so you can enjoy delicious bierocks anytime! Due to COVID-19 there will not be a sit-down supper.

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. 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.

Sunday, Sept. 13 – KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College, will kick off its annual film series *virtually*. KIPCOR will host a Zoom call, starting at 2 p.m., featuring *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*, the story of a group of Alabama students and teachers who nonviolently resisted a century of Jim Crow in a segregationist state to win voting rights for African Americans. Included is a talk-back session with Larry Burks Sr., president of the Wichita branch of the NAACP. You must register to participate at <http://kipcor.org/>

Now at Kauffman Museum (through Nov. 29) – “Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations.” Regular hours are Tues.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m., closed Mondays and major holidays, but with ever-changing COVID-19 protocols, you are advised to check the museum

website, kauffmanmuseum.org, or Facebook page or call 316-283-1612 before planning a visit.

KIPCOR will kick off it's 2020-21 Peace Lecture series with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, Thurs., Nov. 5 at 7 pm in an online format. This is a fundraiser for KIPCOR. More details to follow.

During September, Mennonite Church USA invites you to focus your attention on what it means to offer hospitality to immigrants by engaging in its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>

Join Mennonites across Mennonite Church USA in a "Common Read," a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. *Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses* by Stephanie Lobdell is the Common Read book chosen for September. Learn more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @ 01/01/20	9,960.80
January-July Receipts	72,863.00
January-July Expenses	<u>(67,394.98)</u>
Budget balance @ 07/31/20	15,428.82
August Receipts	10,317.42
August Expenses	<u>(10,419.04)</u>
Budget Balance @ 08/31/20	15,327.20

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Duane and Pauline Regier in prayer as Duane has been diagnosed with blood cancer and has begun treatment. Pray for healing and strength for Duane and wisdom for the doctors to know how to treat him as they have not yet been able to tell what type of blood cancer he has.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom, guidance and joy for Lois Barrett, as she begins serving as the new moderator for WDC.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God that no students, staff, or faculty of the Near East School of Theology were injured when last month's explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for wisdom for George Sabra, the school's president, and for the necessary resources to repair the extensive damage done to the eight-floor building. Pray also for all who have lost loved ones and homes.