

I will pass over you,
and no plague
shall destroy you
when I strike
the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:13, NRSV



Halstead First Mennonite Church

September 6, 2020

The psalmist declares that "the LORD takes pleasure in his people" (Psalm 149:4, ESV). As we gather before the God who delights in us, may we also delight in God. Welcome.

Gathering Music- Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music- Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

The love of God brings peace to our lives. The judgment of God brings peace to our world. Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song. Let all God's children rejoice. Clap your hands and praise God. Shout for joy and praise God with music.

For God brings justice to the peoples. God brings judgment upon the powerful.

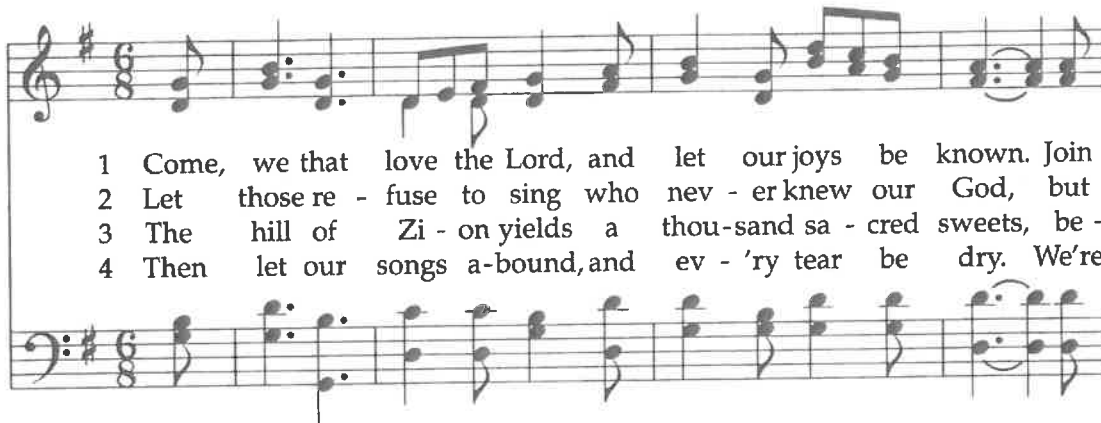
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Praise Song- Come, We that Love the Lord

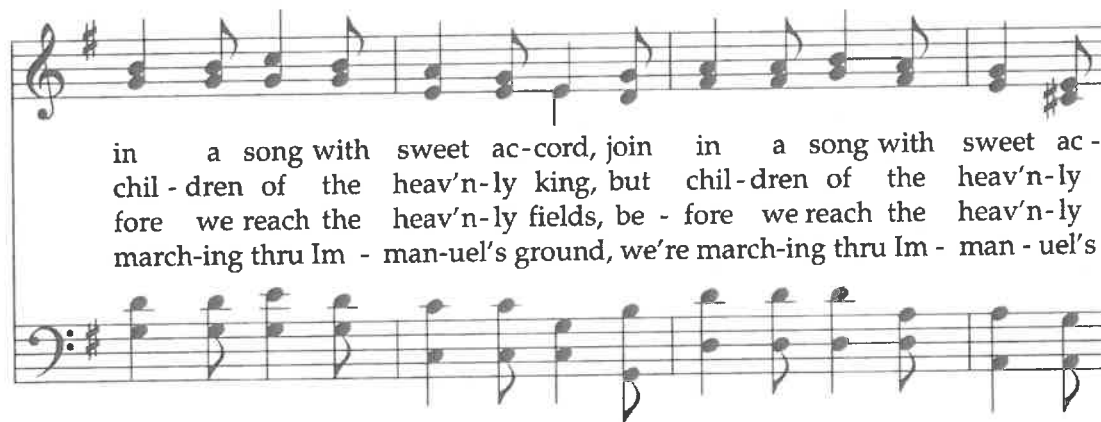
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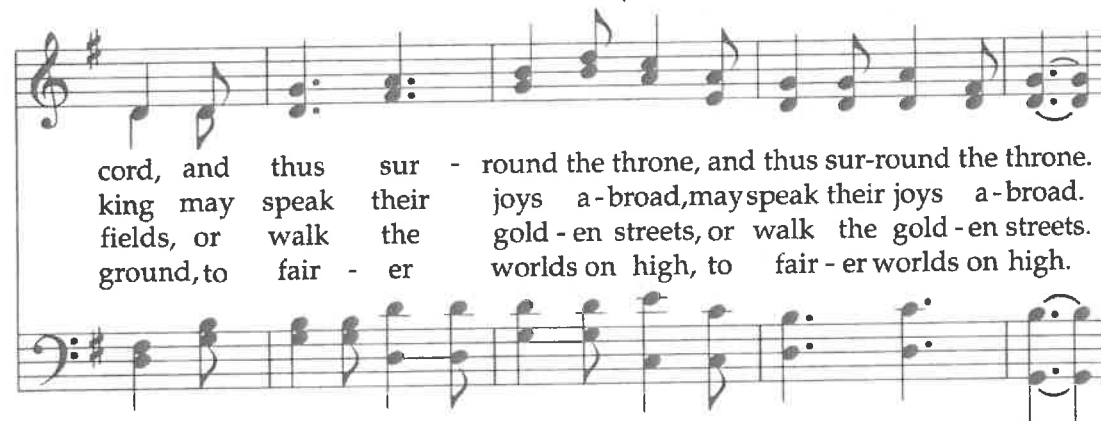
WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION SM extended with refrain



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God, but
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets, be -
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry. We're



in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with sweet ac-
chil - dren of the heav'n-ly king, but chil-dren of the heav'n-ly
fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly
march-ing thru Im - man-uel's ground, we're march-ing thru Im - man - uel's



cord, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
king may speak their joys a-broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
may speak their joys a-broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
to fair-er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

GATHERING

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on. We're
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
Zi - on, Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Praise Song– *God Will Make a Way*

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness
He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain
He will do something new today

Praise Song- *Way Maker*

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Children's Story- Our God is a Deliverer

Bible Presentation

Praise Song- I Must Tell Jesus

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I Must Tell Jesus

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1. I must tell Je - sus all of my tri - als; I can - not bear these
2. I must tell Je - sus all of my troub - les; He is a kind, com -
3. Tempted and tried I need a great Sav - ior, One who can help my
4. O how the world to e - vil al - lures me! O how my heart is

bur - dens a - lone; In my dis - tress He kind - ly will help me;
pas - sion - ate Friend; If I but ask Him, He will de - liv - er,
bur - dens to bear; I must tell Je - sus, I must tell Je - sus;
tempt - ed to sin! I must tell Je - sus, and He will help me

CHORUS

He ev - er loves and cares for His own.
Make of my troub - les quick - ly an end. I must tell Je - sus!
He all my cares and sor - rows will share.
O - ver the world the vic - t'ry to win.

I must tell Je - sus! I can - not bear my bur - dens a - lone; I must tell

Je - sus! I must tell Je - sus! Je - sus can help me, Je - sus a - lone.

Praise Song- Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on.
3 "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our king im - mor - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness.
From the frost and gloom of death light and life have ris - en.
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;

Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, and with true af - fec - tion
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
"Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;

wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
from his light, to whom we give thanks and praise un - dy - ing.
"Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Closing Song- Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Benediction

Postlude- Cindy Siemens

CALENDAR

Sept. 9	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Grab & Go Meal
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Church Budget. 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 on Sept. 13 is for WDC.

Offering deposited on 9/3/20: Church Budget (\$200.00); MC USA (\$655.11).

Kids Club will start back up on Wednesday, September 9 and run for 8 weeks. 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, as well as any adult that would like to sign-up and join us for a meal outside or to take home. Meals will be packed individually in plastic containers, and we ask that individuals wash and return them to the church each week to reduce waste. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the hallway and on Facebook.

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. We will collect the kits for a few more weeks.

The EmberHope Youthville August newsletter is posted on the bulletin board. There is a unique opportunity for those who enjoy baking. The Birthday Club is a group of volunteers who bake birthday cakes for foster kids. Contact EmberHope at 316-252-1346 or lcapps@emberhope.org if you're interested.

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, 2020.** 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.

Preschool Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 3:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different, join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Tuesday, September 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Register at <https://forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7> and contact Jennie with any questions at crlib@mennowdc.org.

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.

The Israel Palestine Relations Task Force of Western District Conference/Mennonite Church USA is sponsoring a webinar on September 21, UN's International Day of Peace entitled *Racial Justice from US to Palestine*. The Webinar features Jonathan Kuttab, Alex Awad and Sarah Thompson Nahar. The flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

For a quick snapshot of what's happening around WDC or what Keynote Speaker Danny Carroll had to say at the WDC Assembly, go to "WDC Assembly 2020" on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd_M5. There are many creative Assembly videos still available for viewing!

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.

The weather is great! Where are you? Camp Mennoscah's facilities 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 facilities. We can't wait to see you!

WDC/SCC Women's Retreat 2020: After much discussion and prayer, the 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 7-8:30 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, email Tammy Duvanel Unruh at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com by Thursday, September 10. Save the date and we look forward to seeing your whole face!

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.

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: work by three seniors from the Class of 2020, Georgia Anderson, Blayne Stump and Anna Wiens. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Receptions will be individual and by invitation only. *Face masks must be worn on the Bethel College campus.*

Join Bible teacher Joe Sawatzky on Mission Network's Facebook on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (EST) starting Sept. 8. "Missional Meditations" will help you gain insight for your sermons or daily life, and inspire a missional imagination in your congregation!

In an open letter to the denomination, Michael Danner, Mennonite Church USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, invites fellow white Christian's to "engage in proactive, deliberate efforts to oppose and

dismantle racism in all of its forms.” Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/letter-danner>.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for Gabriel Pennington as he is installed today as pastor at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation in Topeka, KS.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure participants began their assignments in the Jackson, Mississippi, unit this week. Pray that God will provide wisdom for Debbie and Rick Lee, new unit leaders, and for all as they transition into community living and learning.