



# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

February 8, 2026

*Jesus, you call me to be salt and light. Empower me through this worship to season and brighten the world with your love.*

**Gathering Music** – Cindy Siemens

**Welcome and Announcements** - Chuck Haspels

**Centering Music** – Cindy Siemens

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

**People: And there was light.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**People: And the light shone in the darkness.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**All: And the light shall not be quenched.**

## \*Worship Through Singing – Here in This Place – VT #10

D A C G Gm/Bb Dm  
 1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the  
 4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,  
 C G D A C G  
 van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:  
 light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;  
 Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.  
 A C/G D/F# G A C/G  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and  
 D/F# G A D A C G  
 spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing  
 make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ple to-geth-er,  
 Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D  
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## \*Worship Through Singing – Your Love Is Amazing – VT #96

1 Your love is a - maz - ing, steady and un - chang - ing.  
 2 Your love is sur-pris - ing, I can feel it ris - ing,  
 Your love is a moun - tain, firm be-neath my feet.  
 all the joy that's grow - ing deep in - side of me.  
 Your love is a mys - t'ry, how you gen - tly lift me.  
 Ev - 'ry time I see you all your good - ness shines through.  
 When I am sur-round - ed, your love car - ries me.  
 I can feel this God song ris - ing up in me.

Refrain

Hal-le-lu - jah, hal-le-lu - jah, hal-le-lu - jah,  
 your love makes me sing. Hal-le-lu - jah, hal-le-lu - jah,  
 hal - le-lu - jah, your love makes me sing.

## Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Scripture – Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 1501)

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

Worship Through Singing – You are Salt – VT #297

Leader

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,  
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,  
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple,  
4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,

G D/F# (:) A D G D/F#  
All Leader

salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and

(:) A D G D/F# (:) A D  
All

life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain G D/F# (:) A D G D/F#  
Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

(:) A D G D/F# (:) A D  
king-dom of peace. Bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# (:) A D G D/F# (:) A D  
bring forth the cit - y of God!

# Worship Through Singing – Way Maker – Lyrics Projected

## Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

### Message – Pastor Steve

*Pass the Salt; Turn on the Light*

### Response Song – Longing for Light - VT #715

1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is troub-led. Long-ing for  
3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —  
warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am7 Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C/G G Em Bm Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

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G Dsus D Em Em7/D C Am7 G Am7/G G (Last time)

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

## \*Closing Prayer

### \*Sending Song – Go, My Children - VT #830

Music notation for the first part of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are G, C, A, D, C, D7, G. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
Grow in love, and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

Music notation for the second part of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, Am, G/D, D. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er, I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.

Music notation for the third part of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, Am, G/D, D. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Music notation for the fourth part of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are G, C, A, D, C, D7, G. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Music notation for the fifth part of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The chords are C, Am, G/D, D. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

\*Please stand if you are able

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### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Feb. 8	10:30 a.m.	Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
Feb. 11	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Easter Cantata practice
Feb. 13-15		Sr. High Youth to Snow Camp
Feb. 15	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We will celebrate communion today** during the worship service.

**The rose at the front is in honor of Leila Dalke's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** on February 12. Happy birthday Leila!

**Save the Date!** Our Verenike supper will be on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. There are sign-ups on the bulletin for food and workers, or you can sign up online with the link that was emailed with the bulletin packet.

**There will be an Easter cantata this year**, and all those interested in singing are invited to participate. The cantata will be performed on Saturday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. to allow for more community participation. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. until Adult Bible study is finished and then will meet at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 4. Talk with Gregg if you have any questions.

**There was an omission of one member death** in the Annual Report materials handed out last week. Kenneth Stucky died on Jan. 23, 2025.

**Share the love this Valentine's with OVM & MCC on February**

**12** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Share love with men on the indigent list at Hutchinson Correctional Facility by helping pack 350 MCC prisoner care kits. Hear impact stories at 7:30, design a note to go into each kit, enjoy snacks and give a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the kit items. All ages are welcome to join us at MCC, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., in North Newton. Talk with Brocia if you have questions.

**Hesston College invites you to Winter Community Day** at Yost Center, February 14. Come enjoy free admission for basketball games, free popcorn, free haircuts provided by Hesston College alumna Christy Pickerill of CC's Family Hair and free rally towels to the first 100 fans. Lincoln Perk and Sage & Juliet Coffee Co. are teaming up with a coffee truck to serve coffee drinks and baked goods, and the HC Grill Club and flag football team will serve burgers to purchase for lunch. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and continues all afternoon. For a full schedule check out [hesston.edu/communityday](http://hesston.edu/communityday).

**Lunch & Learn at MCC on Tuesday, February 17**, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Join the Global Voices Speaking Tour to hear firsthand stories of the intersection of climate and peace. Speakers Dr. Arefur Rahaman with MCC Bangladesh and David Waiswa with MCC East Africa and Sahel Region will share how they are working toward peace and climate resiliency, especially around food security. RSVP by Feb. 10 at [mcc.org/global-lunch](http://mcc.org/global-lunch) or contact [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org), 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.

**Pine Village invites you to join them for their Anchor's Banquet** on Saturday, Feb. 28, in Pine Village Wellness Center. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with entertainment by "Open Road" and "Woven." Tickets are \$100 and all the proceeds will go to the Memorial Home Endowment Fund. Make your reservations online at [www.pinevillageeks.org](http://www.pinevillageeks.org) or by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901. The reservation deadline is Monday, February 23.

**Save the Date:** The 2026 Western District Assembly will be held on Aug 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, with

activities for all ages, worship, fellowship and delegate sessions. Lodging will be at area hotels. Check <https://mennowdc.org/2026-annual-assembly/> for more details in the coming months! Also note that according to WDC's Resolutions Policy, any proposed resolution that is a "church statement" for consideration by delegates should be submitted to the WDC Resolutions Committee a minimum of 120 days prior to the delegate assembly (In 2026, that date is April 10).

**Bethel College Updates:** **Sun., Feb. 8** – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, 3 p.m., with Prisca Barnes, founder of Storytime Village Inc., "The Dockum Drugstore Sit-In," Kauffman Museum auditorium. **Tues., Feb. 10** – Bethel College Organ Recital Series: YunJung Lee, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **Thurs., Feb. 12** – Closing reception for Marco Hernandez Guillen and "Reclaiming My Roots," 6-7 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

**Camp Mennoscah Update:** Do you have opinions and one hour per month to share them? Camp Mennoscah is interested in talking to those with thoughts on camp operations about serving on the Board of Directors. And don't let your lack of experience or knowledge stop you! Diversity of thought is crucial as we work to strengthen camp governance, which means including those with concerns as well as praise, and outside opinions as well as insider knowledge. If you care about Camp Mennoscah at all - or want to - nothing will change if your ideas aren't in the Board room where decisions are made. Text "BOARD" to 620.755.2583 for additional information.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Pray for the Senior High Youth Group and their sponsors as they travel to Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Pray for safe travels, an enjoyable time together and for their faith to be nurtured.
- Western District Conference: Pray for members of the WDC Executive Board as they provide oversight, support and guidance for WDC's mission and ministries.

- Mennonite Mission Network: Last week, Julia and Thomas Meyers began their four-week SOOP placement at the Maria Skobtsova House (MSH) in Calais, France. Pray for them as they share in MSH's ministry of hospitality with migrants who are seeking refuge while on their way to England.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Lauren Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Megan Ortman
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Cindy Siemens
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
AMBS	\$100.00
Birthday	38.13
Church Budget	3,770.00
MCC Sale	1,006.87
MCUSA	140.00
Verenike	17.50
Wednesday Supper (1/21 = \$166, 1/28 = \$141)	307.00
Western District Conference	100.00
<b>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</b>	88
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Western District Conference
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Lauren Mueller, Jason Smoker, Eli Wilcox

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget Balance @1-1-25	239.32
Jan-Nov Receipts	135,576.55
Jan-Nov Expenses	(132,841.05)
Budget balance @11-30-25	2,974.82
December Receipts	23,577.32
December Expenses	(14,334.46)
Budget balance @12-31-25	12,217.68