

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

February 15, 2026

We love good "mountaintop experiences," Jesus, but life isn't always like that. As you call us into daily, "down-to-earth" ministry, help us follow in good faith.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

The Glory of These 40 Days - Smith/Martin

Welcome and Announcements - Amy Buchholz

Centering Music – Kent Dick

Fairest Lord Jesus - arr. Thompson

*Call to Worship

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

People: We are called to be God's people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

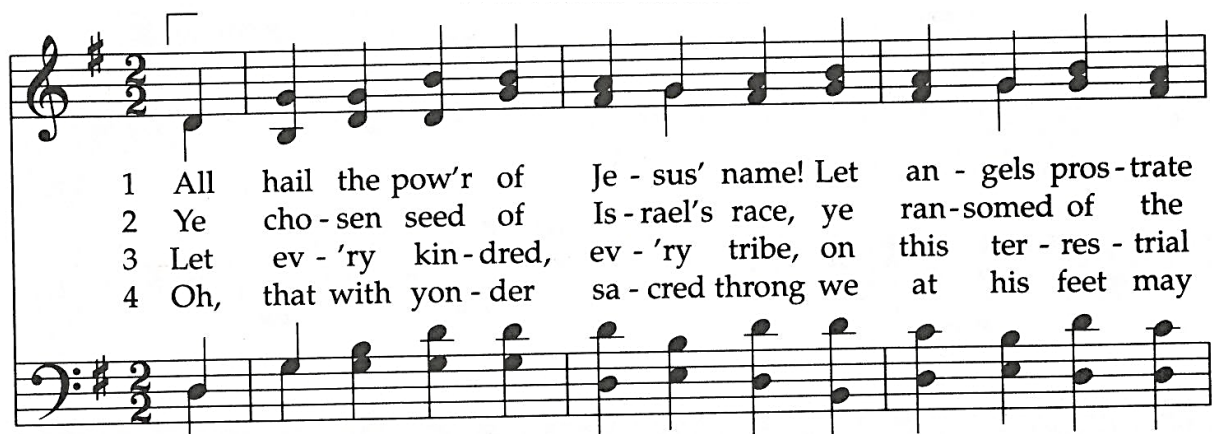
People: We are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

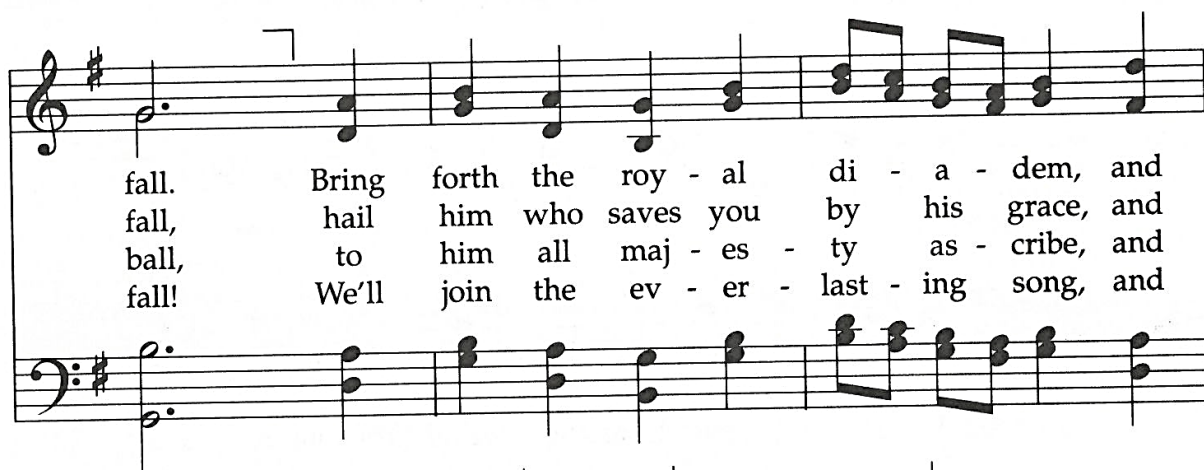
All: We are called to worship in wonder and praise.

***Worship Through Singing – All hail the power of Jesus' name**

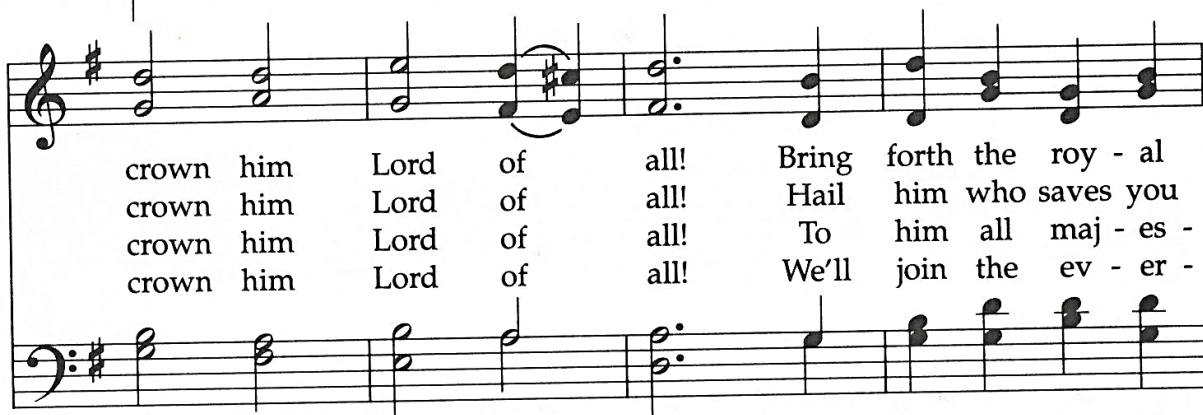
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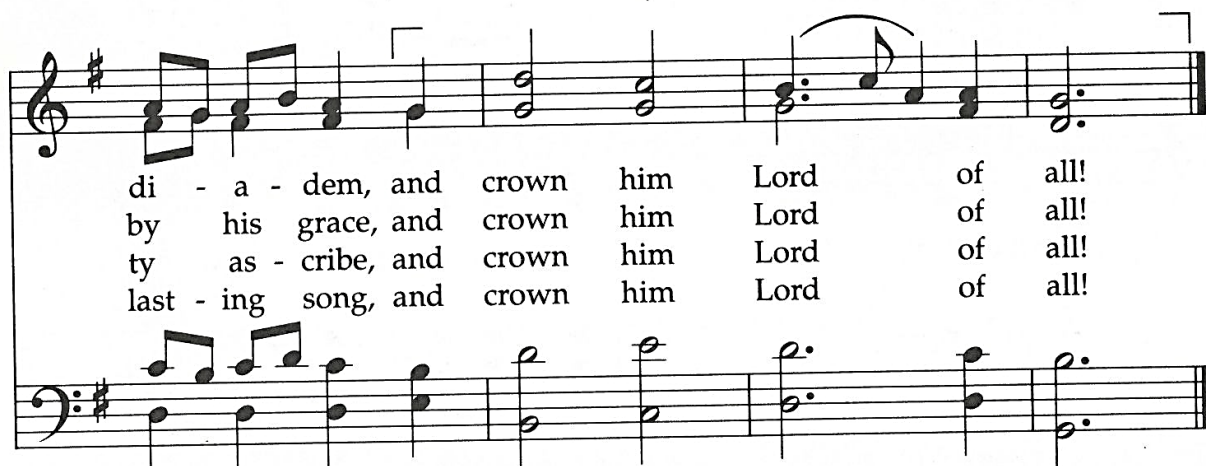
1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed of the
3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
4 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may



fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and
fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you
crown him Lord of all! To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

***Worship Through Singing** – *Christ whose glory fills the skies* –
 HWB #216

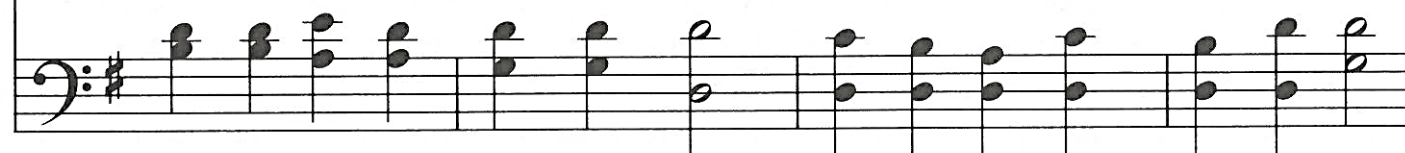
LOA ENIMA



- 1 Christ, whose glo- ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on- ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un-ac - com-pan - ied by thee.
- 3 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine. Pierce the gloom of sin and grief.



Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
 Joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see.
 Fill me, Ra-dian - cy di - vine. Scat-ter all my un - be - lief.



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
 Till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
 More and more thy - self dis-play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.



Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - arr. Darley Kent Dick

Scripture – Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 1524-25)

Children's Time – Melanie Haspels

Worship Through Singing – *Majesty* – Lyrics Projected

Worship Through Singing – *Open the Eyes of My Heart* – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

When Glory Breaks Through the Veil

Response Song – Be thou my vision - VT #545

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
 3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
 5 High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

1 naught be all else to me save that thou art.
 2 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
 3 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 4 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
 5 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 2 Thou my great Fa - ther, thy child may I be,
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
 4 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 5 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 2 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 3 Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 4 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 5 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** – *Blessed Be Your Name* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Sing Praise to God on High - Broughton

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb. 15	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Feb. 17	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Feb. 18	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	8:00 p.m.	Easter Cantata practice
Feb. 19	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth service activity
Feb. 22	10:30 a.m.	Beginner Bells play during worship
	12:00 p.m.	Last Sunday Potluck
	12:30 p.m.	Advanced Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Community Worship Service at Halstead Life.Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very heartfelt thank you from the Senior High youth group for the church's generous donations and compliments about the fundraiser meal. We appreciate your continuous support!

The March/April issue of the Upper Room is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

A Lenten reading card has been placed in your church mailbox. The Nurture Ministry encourages you to use these readings as a

way to prepare for the celebration of Easter on April 5. Extra copies are available on the usher's small table at the back.

The Junior High youth will be meeting on Saturday, Feb. 21, to pack hygiene kits for MCC. If you would like to contribute toward their efforts, a basket is located under the coat rack for the following items: adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging), large bar bath soap (in original wrapper), nail clippers, hand towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors preferred, 16 in x 26 in), and wide-toothed combs (6-8in). Thank you for your support!

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.

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 or contact patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.

MCC Fellowship Meals: Help cover Relief Sale expenses by participating in a Fellowship Meal this year! You may choose to Host or be a guest in the traditional "Fellowship in Dining" way. As a guest, you will be invited to attend the host's church worship service followed by a meal in their home. Another option is to host a fellowship meal for your own congregation.

Dates: March 8 or March 15 (dates for congregational meals)

are flexible)

Guest Donation: \$25 per meal (proceeds go toward MCC Sale expenses)

Deadline: Sign up to be Host or Guest by February 25.

Contact: Alan and Marilyn Mueller or Barb at bj.reeves@live.com for a form to complete. Forms are also available on the bulletin board.

Bethel College Updates: Tues., Feb. 17 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., featuring works by Edward Elgar, Percy Grainger, Khayyam Mirazazade and Shigeru Kan-no, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Online Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on March 13-15 is open. Activities and lodging will be at Main Camp. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet. **Online Registration for the 2026 Summer Youth Camps is also open.** The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet. **Were you baptized at Camp Mennoscah?** If so, you know how deeply this place can shape faith and life for those who attend. Today, Camp Mennoscah has an opportunity to continue that mission, and you can help. Camp Mennoscah's website is set up to accept recurring monthly \$20 donations. With the retreat center just weeks away from completion, your gift of \$20/month for a single year would help rebuild our savings account, allowing camp to handle the next unexpected expense. If you would like to be a part of ensuring the financial future of the place that impacted your faith journey, please visit www.CampMennoscah.org or text "20" to our office at 620.755.258

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for the Senior High Youth Group and their sponsors as they travel home from Snow Camp today.
- Pray for those in our church who are not able to attend in person. Pray that they would still feel connected and valued as part of our congregation.
- Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and encouragement for ministers in WDC, as they share the good news of Jesus in local congregations and communities through preaching, teaching, compassion and courageous witness.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Last fall, Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig and their three children temporarily moved to Montbéliard, France, from Chad, after their Chadian visas were not renewed, due to the political relationship between the U.S. and Chad. Pray for this family as they acclimate to their new home and ministry and as they navigate how to proceed if they are unable to return to Chad in the future.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Ruth Mueller, Debbie Nightingale, Megan Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

AMBS	\$100.00
Church Budget	3,996.00
Building Maintenance	100.00
MCC Sale	30.00
MCUSA	75.00
Nurture	20.00
Wednesday Supper	119.00
Western District Conference	150.00
Youth	100.00

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY 80

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Mennonite Biblical Seminary

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Jason Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Emmit Jacob