



*The Mission to the World*  
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# Great Commission

April 16, 2023

First Mennonite Church     Hutchinson KS

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## OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Christine Sine)

**ALL: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—**

Leader: a world in which justice does come for the poor,  
freedom comes for the prisoners,  
and healing for the sick.

**ALL: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—**

Leader: a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where  
all find a place of belonging.

**ALL: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—**

Leader: all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.

**ALL: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, God's new world has begun.**

HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT 88

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

## Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for God's Peace to Prevail

### PRAYER (adapted from VT 984):

*This day, God, may we dream your dreams;  
This day, God, may we reflect your love;  
This day, God, may we do your work;  
This day, God, may we taste your peace. AMEN*

HYMN *Be Still and Know* VT 37

## LISTENING TO GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Matthew 28:16-20*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

## SENDING

HYMN *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Benediction

**Postlude** ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship with coffee, tea and juice follows the service in the Common Grounds room just off the foyer. Sunday School classes for all ages begins at 11:00am.

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*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.*

*You can also now donate electronically on our website.*

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Sound: Earl Ediger  
Livestream: Jay Gehring  
Nursery Attendants: Fred & Mary Wade  
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering  
Pianist: Peggy Stucky  
Song Leader: Cathia Krehbiel  
Worship Leader: Nick Krehbiel  
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Gehring  
Children's Time: Diane Ziemer  
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

## COMING UP...

**April 23 – *Voices Together*.** A celebration of song and dedication of our new hymnals with Cynthia Neufeld Smith and musicians from our congregation.

**April 30 – Guest preacher, Rev. Lee Lever.** During the Sunday school hour, Rev. Lever will present his report of the pastor/congregation review. Plan to stay to hear the reflections of this congregation about how God's Spirit is moving among us; what we value as an Anabaptist congregation here in Hutchinson; and how Pastor Tonya's ministry is leading us into the mission and ministry we envision for our congregation.

**Hutchinson Refugee Project** is seeking volunteers to support families coming to our community. To find out more, talk with Joel Iwashige.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concerts** – *"We Sing That Others May Live."* Come hear our faith story in song and share generously in the offering to support MCC work world-wide.

**TODAY at 7:00pm** – Tabor College, Hillsboro KS

**APRIL 23 at 7:00pm** – Bethel College, N. Newton KS

*About the image on the front of the bulletin:* JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. ... In ***The Mission to the World***, Jesus stands atop a hill proclaiming to his disciples their authority to baptize and teach all that Jesus commanded. His arms are outstretched in a posture of blessing and exhortation. Some disciples remain before him while others are setting out on their journey to complete the task Jesus has set before them. Those departing go in separate directions to spread the gospel to all nations. This scene is a reminder that all Christians are called to spread Jesus' message of love and justice throughout the world.



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***Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served***

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