



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Formed, Filled & Sent:
Encountering Jesus in the Gospel, at the Table, and on the Road.

END OF THE AGE
March 10, 2024

GATHERED: INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
who welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Opening Sentence: Psalm 102:12

But you, O God, are enthroned forever, each generation in turn remembers you.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Whatever the state of the world, God's call is the same:

All: to love God and neighbor, to do justice and mercy, to
walk humbly.

One: When we are surrounded by beautiful things,

All: we orient ourselves to living God's word.

One: And when all around seems like the end is near,

All: we orient ourselves to living God's word.

One: God gathers us in from every situation:

All: we come to answer Christ's call.

Opening Prayer*
HYMN *To God Be The Glory* VT #84
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

FORMED: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel

HYMN *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* VT #560
Children's Time
Scripture Reading *Mark 13:1-8, 24-37*
Sermon

FILLED: Encountering Jesus at the Table

HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* VT #740
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution

Invitation to the Table... (with Music for Meditation)

Come in the center aisle to one of the stations in the front to receive bread and juice. If you prefer to remain seated, a server will come to you. In keeping with our Anabaptist tradition, we offer those still making a decision about baptism (often children and youth) a bunch of grapes and a blessing. However, as this is God's Table and not ours, we invite you to participate as you feel led by the Spirit of the Living Christ, the true host. All seeking to know and follow Christ more fully are welcome.

Today, between receiving bread and drinking the cup, you are invited to pause to sanitize your hands as a symbol of purification, signifying our desire to turn away from the ways of the kingdoms of this world and commit to the kingdom of God.

Prayer after Communion~

SENT: Encountering Jesus on the Road

Prayers of the People
Announcements

HYMN *Move in our midst* VT #827
Benediction*
Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

.....

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo on front of bulletin: [Jongsun Lee on Unsplash](#)

*These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the **Spacious Faith** blog <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Rick & Glenda Hooper
Nursery: Hilda Iwashige
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Song Leader: Jon Miller
Scripture Reader: Marlene Thode
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh
Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Pastor Jim, Stephanie Gehring, Heidi Unruh, Susan Combs, Marlene Thode

Welcome!

We are so glad you are all here!!

*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.
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Jesus Brings Good News*
- **ADULT CLASS (combined in fellowship hall):**
Lenten Handel's Messiah Study
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **March 13, 20** WNAF (Wed. Nights at First)
 - 5:30-6:30 Choir rehearsal (in the choir loft)
 - 6:00-7:00 Meal Served (fellowship hall)
 - 7:00-8:00 Adult Program & Children's Activities
- **April 12-13** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale – state fair grounds

Looking ahead to EASTER (March 31)...

9:00am Easter worship begins in the fellowship hall around tables

at 9am for *Easter Morning Prayer* and communion fellowship as we feast on a ***Breakfast Potluck*** (*bring a dish to share & your own table service*).

10:00am We'll transition to the sanctuary for our regular worship service, including filling the cross with flowers. (There will be no Sunday School that day.)

EASTER LILIES to share on Easter morning may be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$10.00 per lily in a 6" pot with bow. Complete a form (on the table in the foyer) and submit with payment by March 13 in the offering box in the sanctuary.



First Mennonite Church

Hutchinson KS

Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

Phone: 620-662-9385

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9-2pm; Wed 10-1pm

Website: www.hutchfmc.org

Office email address: office@hutchfmc.org

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger: tonya@hutchfmc.org

Pastor Jim Unruh: jhunruh.ju@gmail.com