

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

January 11, 2026

In baptism you called Jesus — and you call us — "beloved." May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Prelude and Fugue in F – J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements - Debbie Nightingale

Centering Music – Kent Dick

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - Rasley

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus invites us: "Come, work with me."

People: We answer his call to labor in his kingdom.

Leader: He worked with people, sharing the good news of God's kingdom.

People: Now he invites us to join him in building his church.

Leader: Christ does not work from a distance—

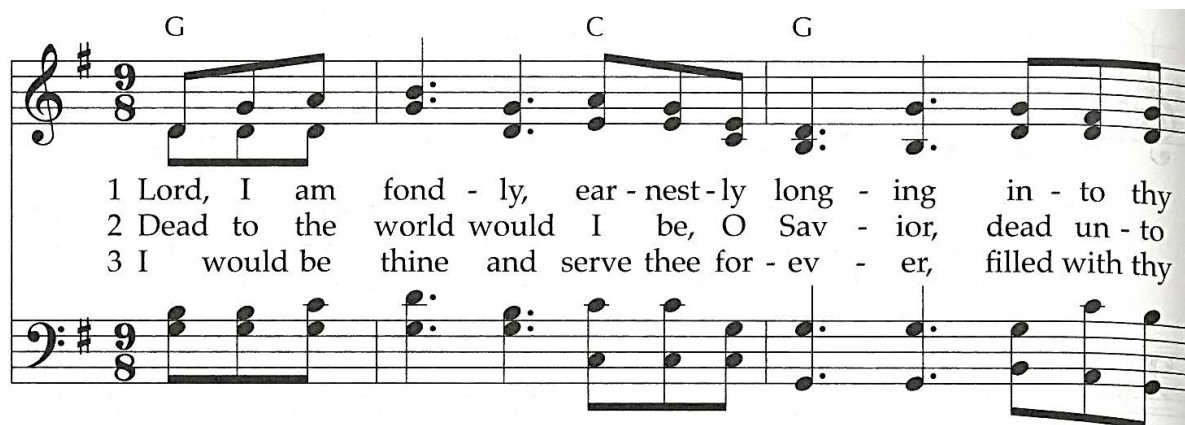
People: He walks beside us, working in us and through us.

Leader: So come, let us worship the One who calls us into partnership,

All: Who works in us and through us, making all things new!

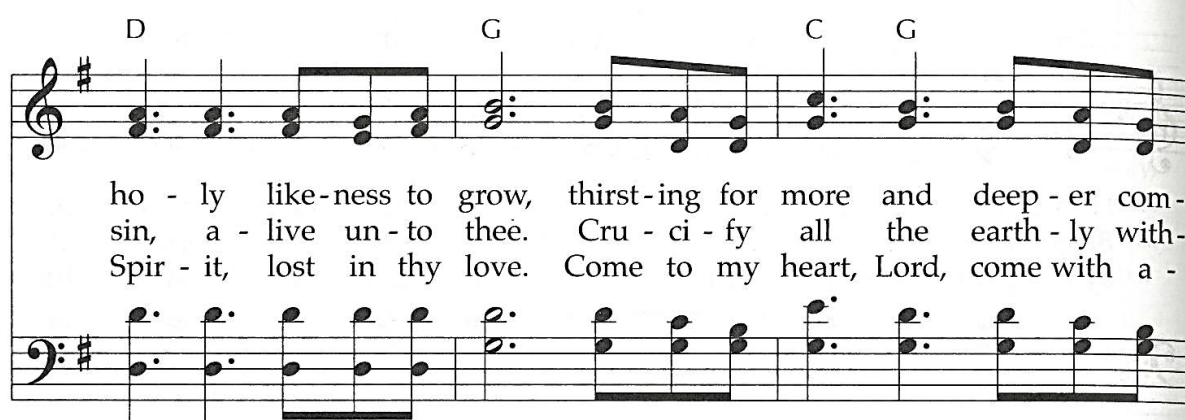
***Worship Through Singing – Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly
Longing - VT #555**

G C G



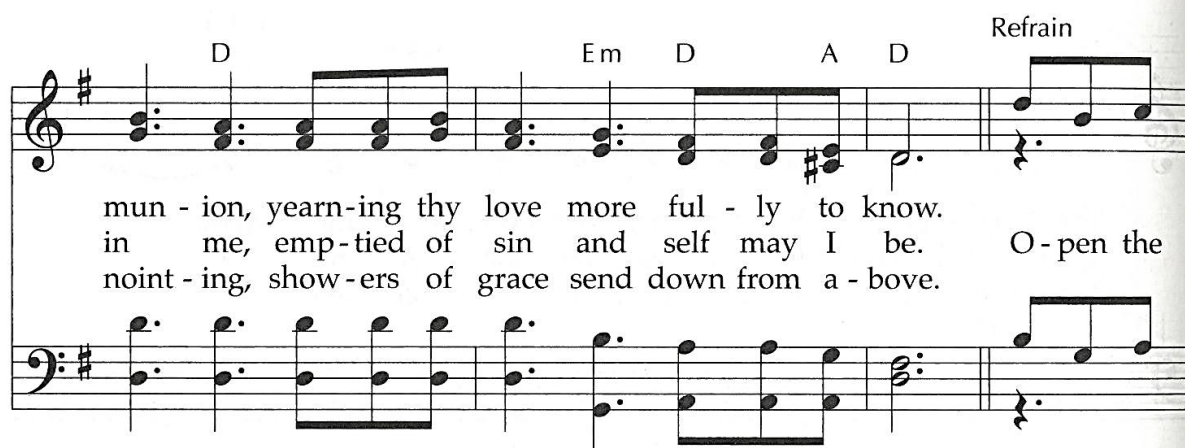
1 Lord, I am fond - ly, ear - nest - ly long - ing in - to thy
2 Dead to the world would I be, O Sav - ior, dead un - to
3 I would be thine and serve thee for - ev - er, filled with thy

D G C G



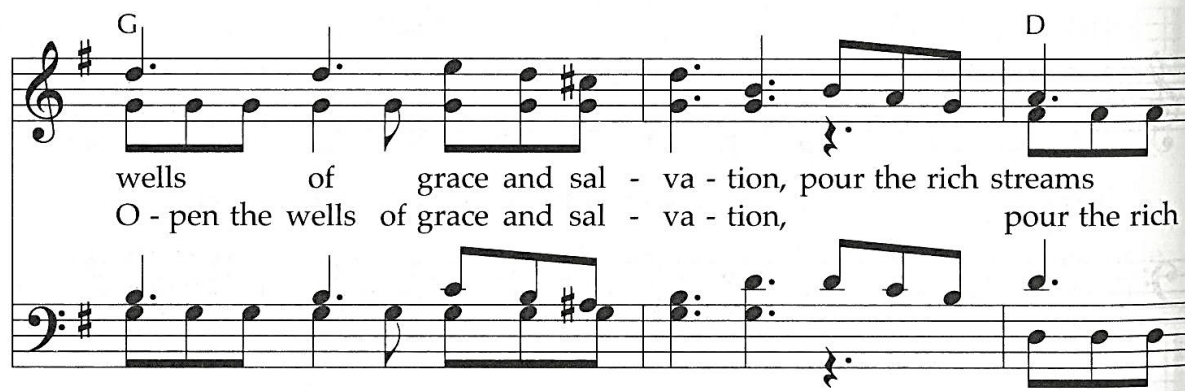
ho - ly like - ness to grow, thirst - ing for more and deep - er com -
sin, a - live un - to thee. Cru - ci - fy all the earth - ly with -
Spir - it, lost in thy love. Come to my heart, Lord, come with a -

D Em D A D Refrain



mun - ion, yearn - ing thy love more ful - ly to know.
in me, emp - tied of sin and self may I be. O - pen the
noint - ing, show - ers of grace send down from a - bove.

G D



wells of grace and sal - va - tion, pour the rich streams
O - pen the wells of grace and sal - va - tion, pour the rich

G


deep in - to my heart. Cleanse and re - fine my
streams deep in - to my heart. Cleanse and re - fine my

Am D7 G

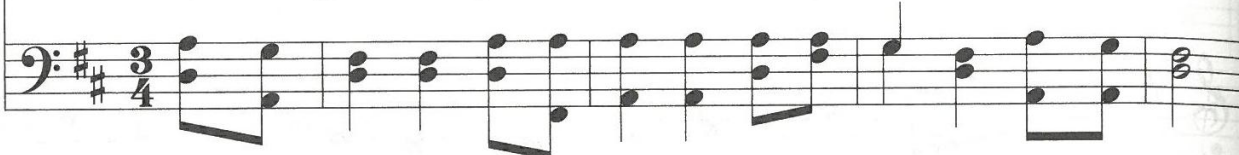
thought and af - fec-tion, seal me and make me pure as thou art.
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*Worship Through Singing – Come, Thou Fount - VT #563

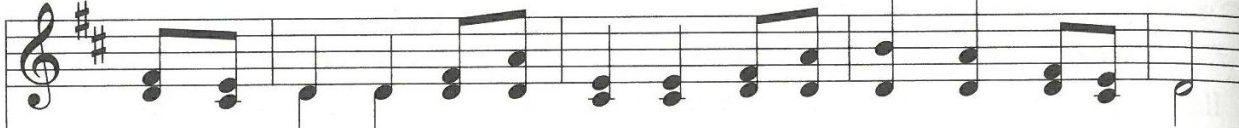
A7 D A D G A7 D



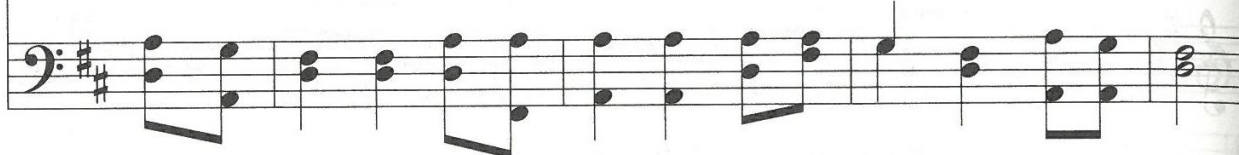
1 Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer, hith-er by thy help I'm come,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!



A7 D A D G A7 D



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



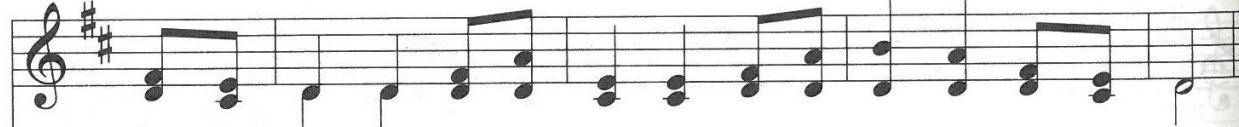
A7 D G D A7 D G D



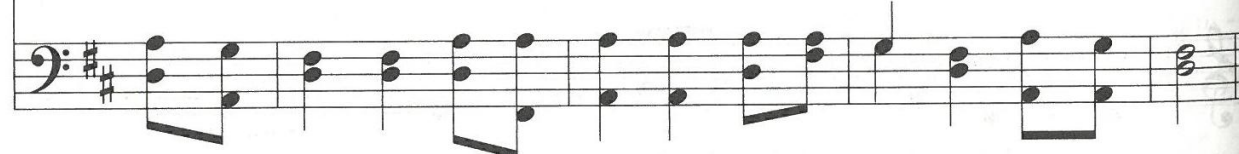
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God.
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.



A7 D A D G A7 D



Praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

I Believe in You Lord Jesus – Hegarty - Kent Dick

Scripture – Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 1499)

Children's Time – Melanie Haspels

Worship Through Singing – Will You Come and Follow Me – VT

#540

F C7 Dm Bb Gm7/Bb

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5 Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

(Asus) (A7) (D) (A7) (Bm) (G)
 Csus C7 F C7 Dm Bb

your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

(Em7) (G/A) (D) (Em7) (G)
 Gm7 Bb/C F Gm7 Bb

be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

Worship Through Singing – *Oceans* – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

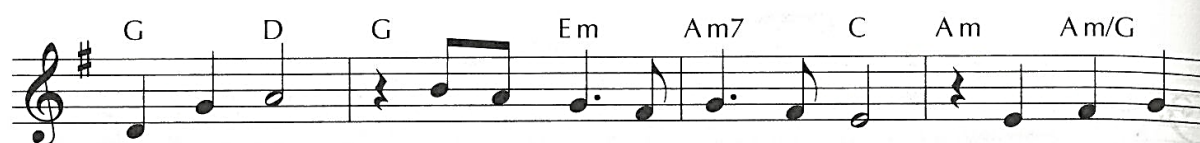
Message – Pastor Steve

When Jesus Invites Us into His Work

Response Song - Here I Am, Lord - VT #545



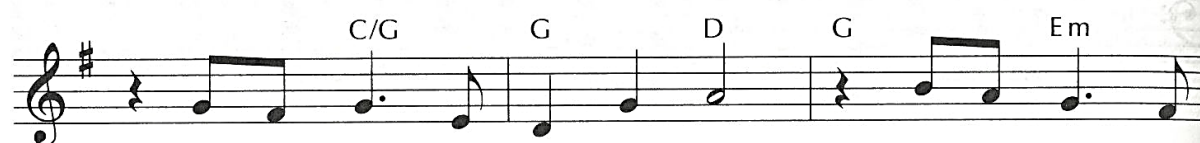
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor by name. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



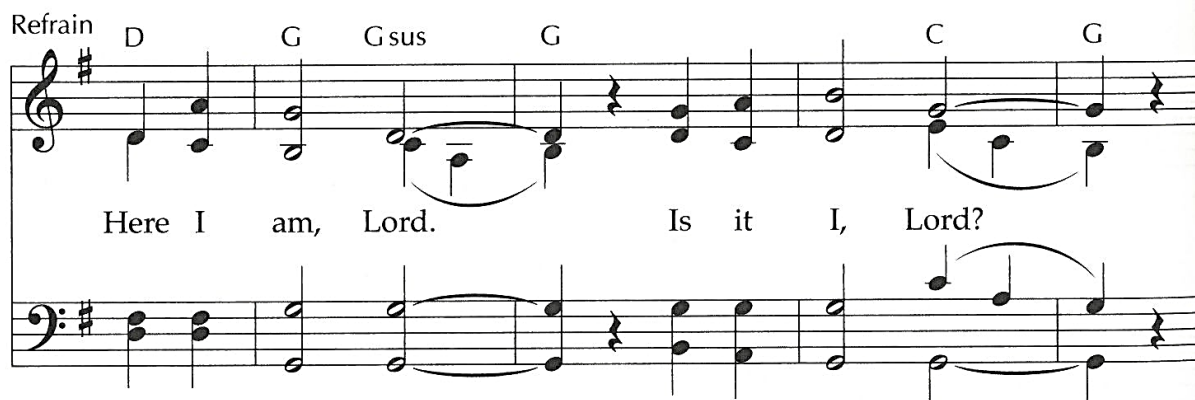
save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make the dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?



I have heard you call-ing in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***Sending Song** – *All to Honour Jesus* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick
Jesus Shall Reign - Price

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan. 11	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Meeting
Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Jan. 16	11:00 a.m.	Linda Aylward Memorial Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January/February Upper Room devotionals have arrived! They are on the table in the foyer at the back of the sanctuary and in the literature rack outside of Stauffer Hall.

A sign-up for cakes and salads for Linda Aylward's memorial service was emailed with the bulletin packet. If you need help signing up online, talk to Melanie, or let Sara Dick know today if you can help. Cakes and salads need to be at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

Calling all quilts made by Linda! We want to drape the pews with Linda's quilts on Friday for her service. If you have a quilt made by Linda and don't mind sharing it for the morning, bring it to the church sometime during the week or on Friday morning by 10 a.m. Please label your quilt in some way so that we can make sure you get it back.

A new women's Bible study begins tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the New Covenant classroom. We will be going through Priscilla Shirer's study on Gideon. All are welcome to join us, regardless of if you've purchased a workbook or not. Talk to Melanie or Kaitlen if you have questions.

The next session of Kids Club will begin this Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 5:00 p.m. Kids in grades K-6 will conclude their lessons on Keys to the Kingdom, which is based on the Sermon on the Mount. The preschoolers will continue learning "big" Bible stories. Kids Club will meet every Wednesday from Jan. 14 – March 4. A meal will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday night adult Bible study will resume on January 14 at 6:45 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m. Debbie will lead a study that all are welcome to attend.

Attention ministry chairs! Please have your ministry reports emailed to the church office by Monday, Jan. 19, for inclusion in the Annual Report document. Thank you!

Plan to join us on Sunday, January 25, for our annual covenanting and anointing service that will be part of the worship service. Covenants are on the back table. Feel free to take one and review it, then sign if you would like to be part of our congregational covenant. There will be a space during the service on the 25th to put them in the offering. If you won't be here, they can be put in Pastor Steve's mailbox at any time. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Steve.

The Church Annual Meeting is planned for Sunday, January 25. We will enjoy a meal prepared by the senior high youth group following worship, and the meeting will begin around 12:30 p.m. The meal is a fundraiser for the youth group to help with expenses for attending Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in February.

Parents, grandparents, and teachers are invited to read *Woven* by Meredith Miller in an online book study with Western District Conference. The book study will be held on Zoom from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month beginning January 13 and ending April 7. Using spider web imagery, we'll discern healthy ways to nurture faith in our congregation's kids. Talk to Casey about getting a hardback or an audiobook to discuss with the group. Drop-ins or occasional attendance welcome!

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMCC) is looking for singers for the upcoming 2026 KMMC concerts. There are six rehearsals at Hesston Mennonite Church beginning January 25 at 2:30 p.m. The rehearsals last for 2 hrs. If interested in singing or to get more information, contact Aaron Stucky via email at stuckya2003@yahoo.com. KMMC can also be found on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus.

WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. All donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257.

Bethel College Updates: Monday, Jan. 12 – Special one-evening show by local high school artists, 6-7 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel College campus. You're invited to meet students from Augusta, Goessel, Hesston, Moundridge and Newton high schools and view their art at this come-and-go event.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Phil and family as they continue to process Linda's passing and make plans moving forward. Pray that her memorial service on Jan 16 will be a good celebration of her life.
- Pray for Carrol Flickinger as she recovers from a fall a couple weeks ago. She has a fractured knee and wrist in addition to the injuries on her face. May God bring healing and comfort to her as she mends.
- Pray for Karen Siebert as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for Dale Ortman as he recovers from shoulder surgery this past week. Praise God that it was successful.
- Keep Maeanna Regier in prayer as she recovers from a recent surgery. Give thanks that it was a success and pray that the healing process goes as smoothly and as quickly as possible.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC commissions meeting this month, as they guide WDC's priorities to support pastors and leaders, resource congregations, and nurture church planting partnerships.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that after nearly a year of chemo treatments, Caleb Schrock-Hurst is cancer free! Caleb and Stephanie plan to move to Taiwan early this year to serve with Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Shaun Ortman, Jason Smoker, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget Offering	1,285.00
MCC	150.00
MCUSA	846.00
Mutual Aid	450.00
Western District Conference	75.00
Youth	1,134.44

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Western District Conference

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Jason Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Emmit Jacob