

Halstead First Mennonite Church

July 20, 2025

Welcome to guests and long-time friends, as we worship in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

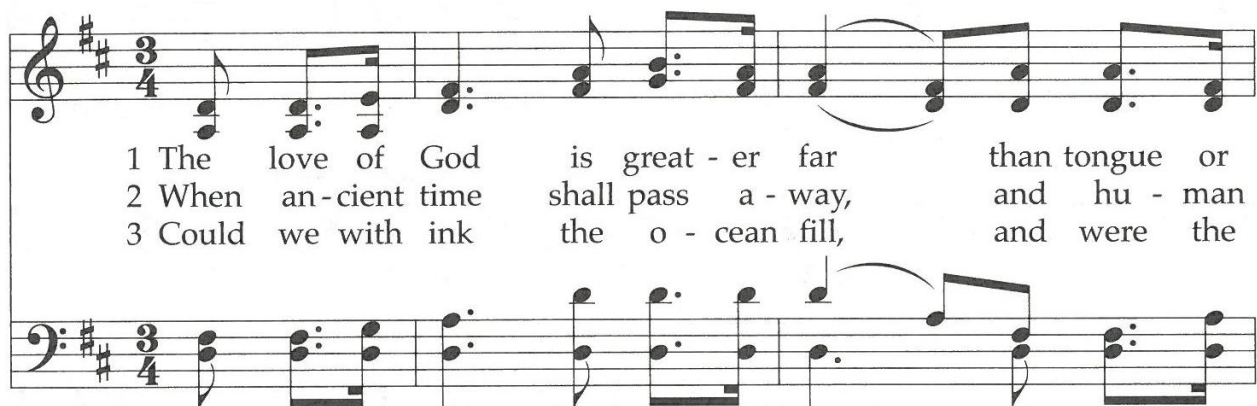
Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

***Call to Worship**

Praise Song – The Love of God – VT #162



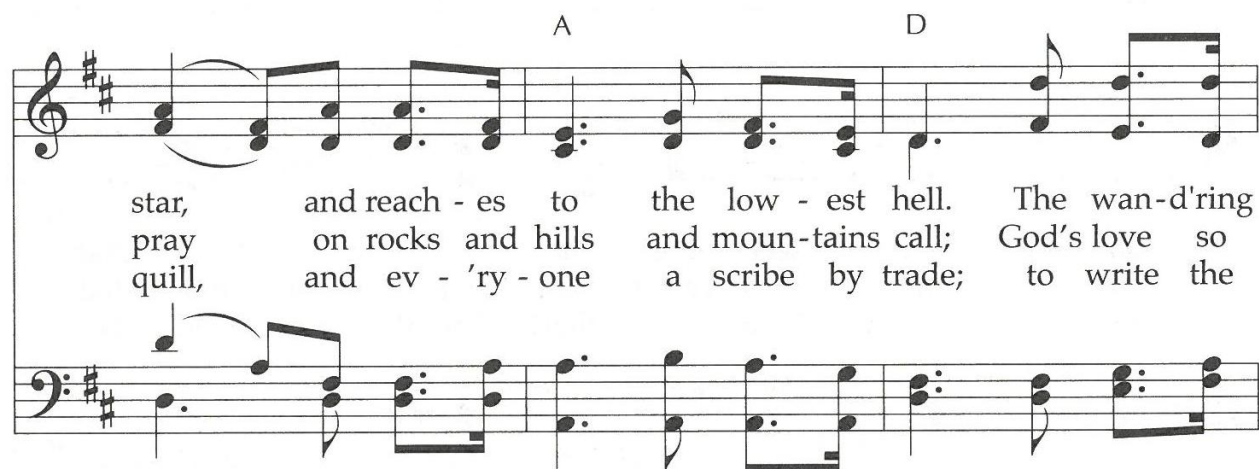
1 The love of God is great - er far than tongue or
 2 When an - cient time shall pass a - way, and hu - man
 3 Could we with ink the o - cean fill, and were the

A D



pen can ev - er tell; it goes be - yond the high - est
 thrones and king - doms fall; when those who here re - fuse to
 skies of parch - ment made; were ev - 'ry stalk on earth a

A D



star, and reach - es to the low - est hell. The wan - d'ring
 pray on rocks and hills and moun - tains call; God's love so
 quill, and ev - 'ry - one a scribe by trade; to write the

G D A D



child is rec - on - ciled by God's be - lov - ed Son. The ach - ing
 sure, shall still en - dure, all meas - ure - less and strong; grace will re -
 love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean dry; nor could the

G D A D

soul a - gain made whole, and price - less par - don won.
 sound the whole earth round— the saints' and an - gels' song.
 scroll con - tain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain G D A D

O love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure-less and strong!

G D A7 D

It shall for - ev - er-more en-dure— the saints' and an - gels' song.

Praise Song – Here I am to Worship – VT #227



1 Light of the world, you stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my
 2 King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in
 1 Licht die-ser Welt, du strahlst in un-s'rer Nacht auf. Leuch-test den
 2 Herr al-ler Zei - ten, du bist hoch er - ha - ben, herr - lich im

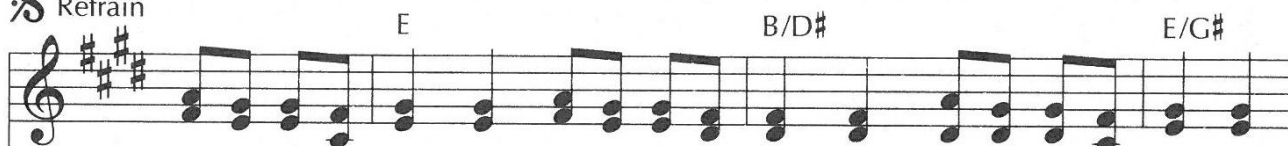


eyes, let me see beau - ty that made — this heart — a -
 heav - en a - bove, hum - bly you came to the earth you cre -
 Weg, lässt mich sehn. Herr dei - ne Schön - heit lässt mich — an -
 Him - mel er - höht. Doch vol - ler De - mut kamst du auf die



dore you, hope of a life spent with you. So
 at - ed, all for love's sake be - came poor. So
 be - ten. E - wig werd' ich vor dir stehn.
 Er - de. Zeigst, wor - in Lie - be be - steht.

Refrain



here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that
 Ich will dich an-be - ten. Will mich vor dir beu - gen. Will dir sa-gen: du nur



you're my God. You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy, al-to-
 bist mein Gott, du al - lein bist herr-lich, du al - lein bist wür-dig, du nur



1 A2 To verse 2 2 A To bridge Last time A Fine

E/G#

geth-er won-der-ful to me.
bist voll-kom-men gut zu mir.

Bridge

B E/G# A2

And I'll nev - er know how much it cost to see
Herr nie be - grei - fe ich die Last, die du

B E/G# 1-3 A2 4 A2 To refrain

my sin up-on that cross. I'll nev - that cross. So
am Kreuz ge-tra - gen hast. Herr nie - gen hast.

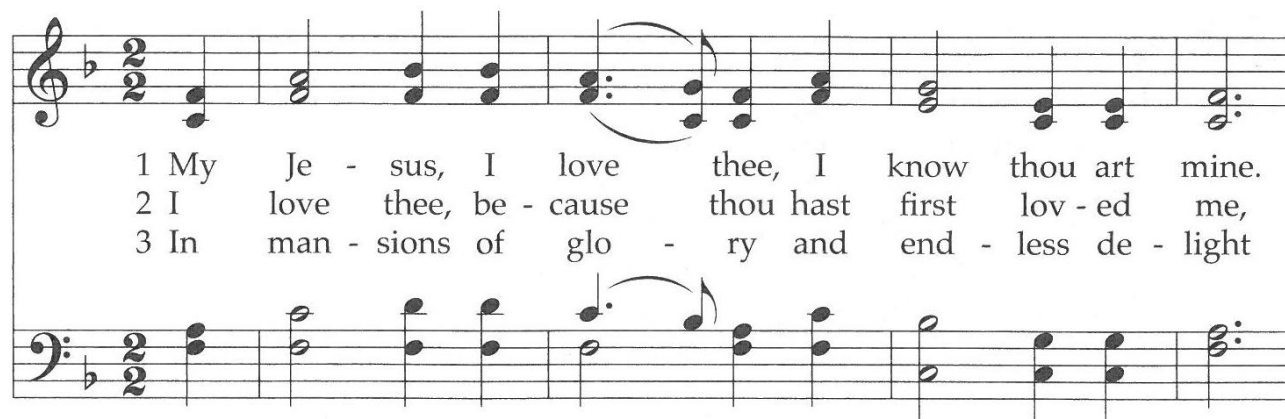
Offering & Offertory – Offender Victim Ministries

Scripture - John 15:18-20; John 17:14-18 (p. 1677, 1680)

Children's Time – Pastor Steve

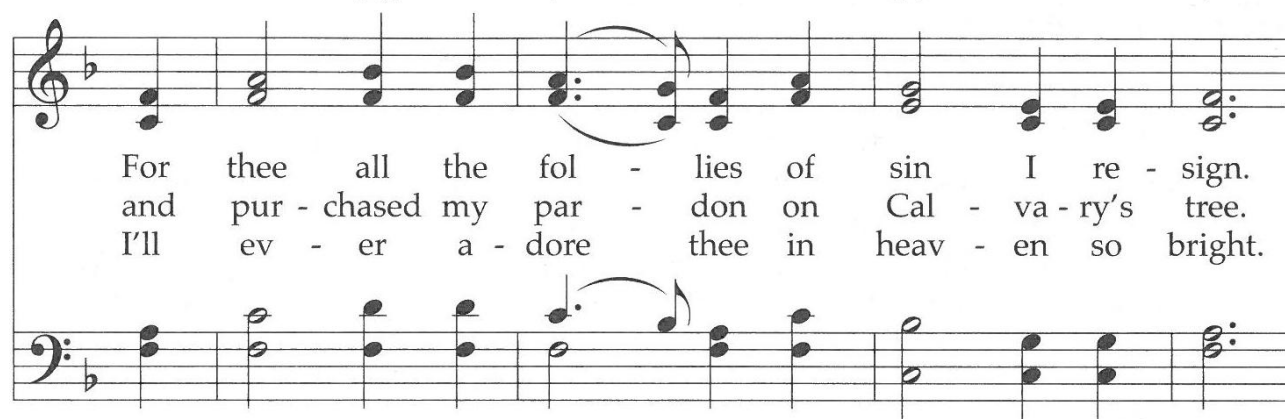
A nursery is available in the basement for children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.

Worship Song – My Jesus, I Love Thee – VT #133



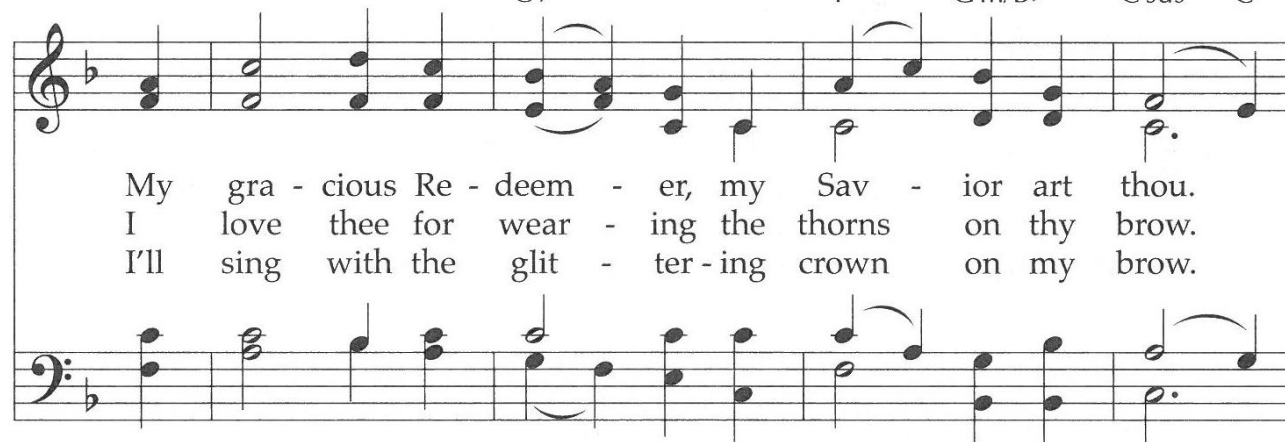
1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
 2 I love thee, be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light

(G/D) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb/F F C7 F



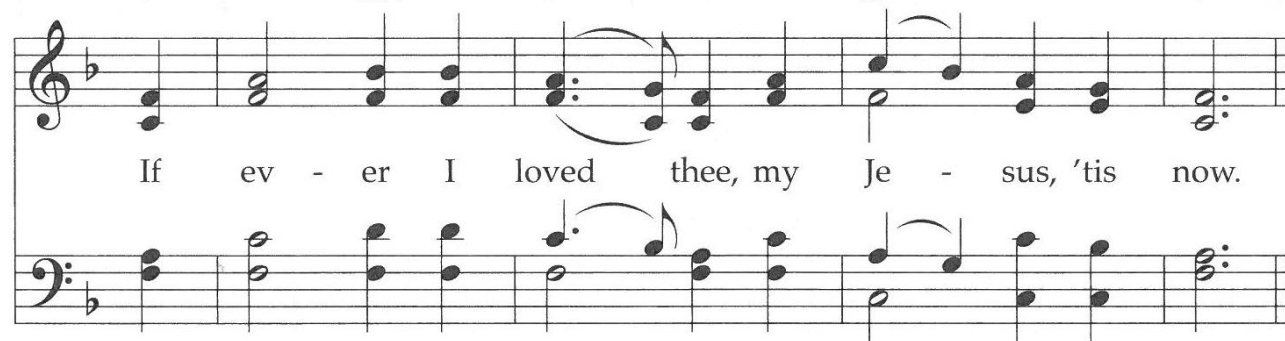
For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright.

(A7) (D) (Em/G) (Asus) (A)
 C7 F Gm/Bb Csus C



My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou.
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow.
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow.

(D) (G/D) (D) (A7) (D)
 F Bb/F F C7 F



If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Worship Song - Take My Life, and Let It Be - VT #759



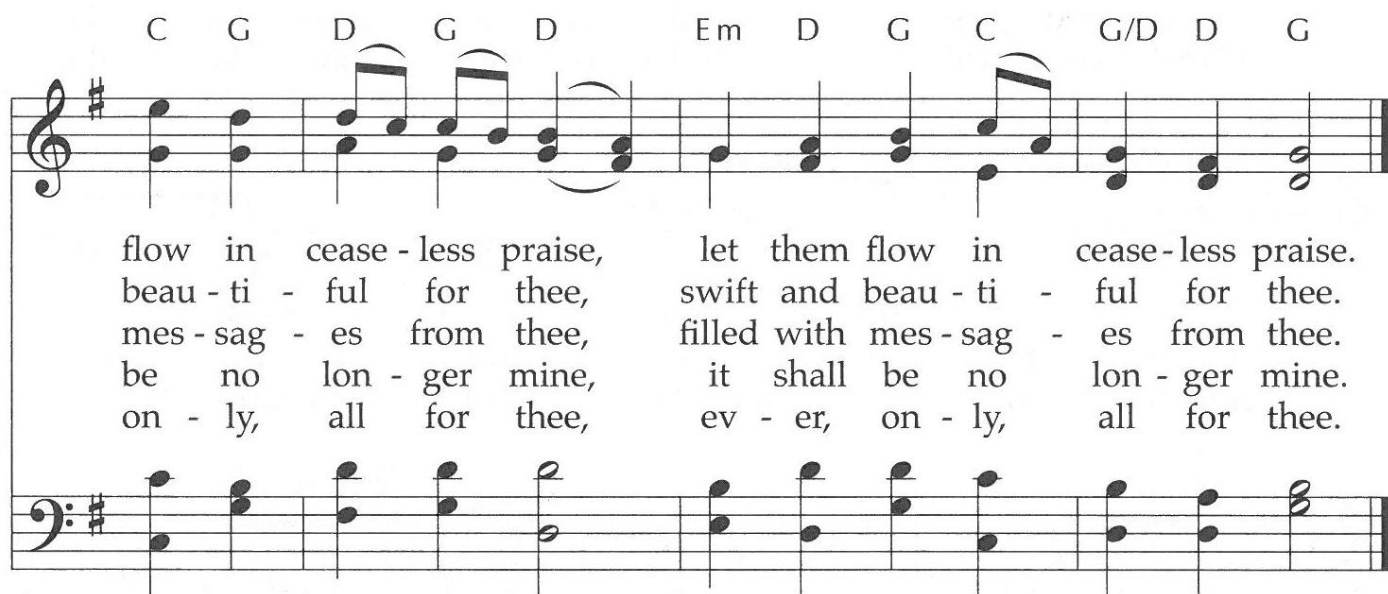
1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3 Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
 5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its

G D7 G D G



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 thou shalt choose. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my will and make it thine; it shall
 trea - sure store. Take my - self, and I will be ev - er,

C G D G D Em D G C G/D D G



flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 be no lon - ger mine, it shall be no lon - ger mine.
 on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

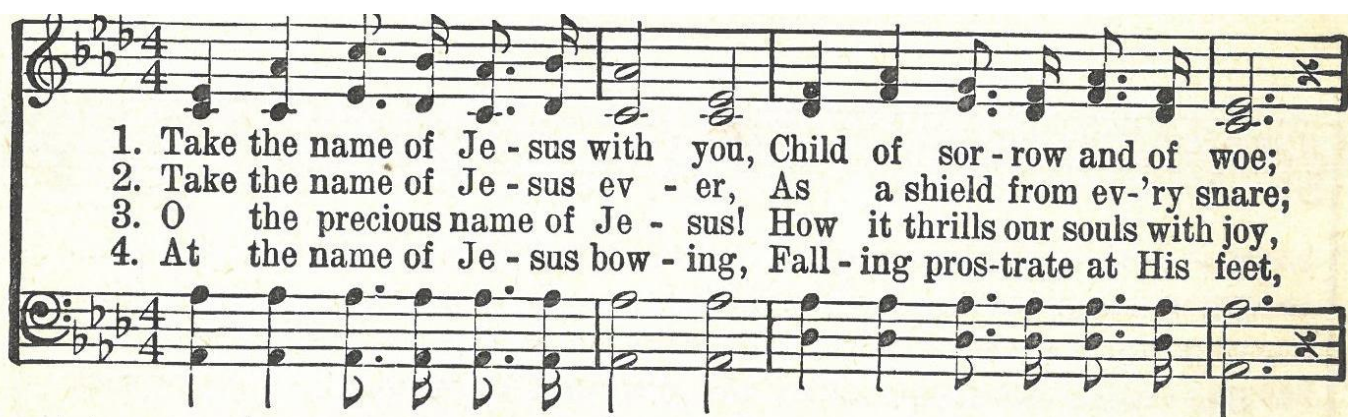
Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – *In the World, But not of the World* – Pastor Steve

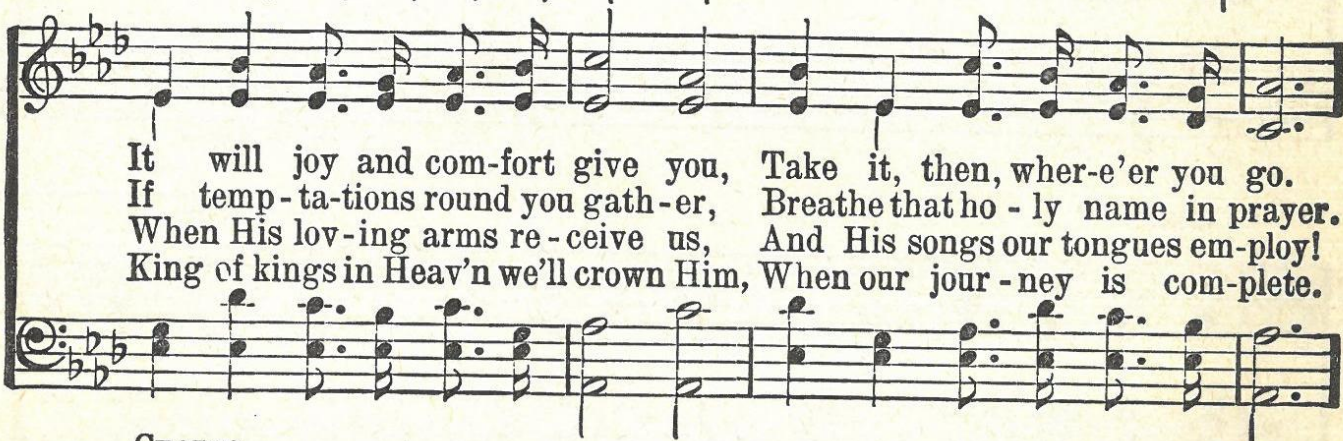
Response Song – *Give Me Faith* – Lyrics Projected

Prayer

***Sending Song** – *Take the Name of Jesus with You* – TB #95

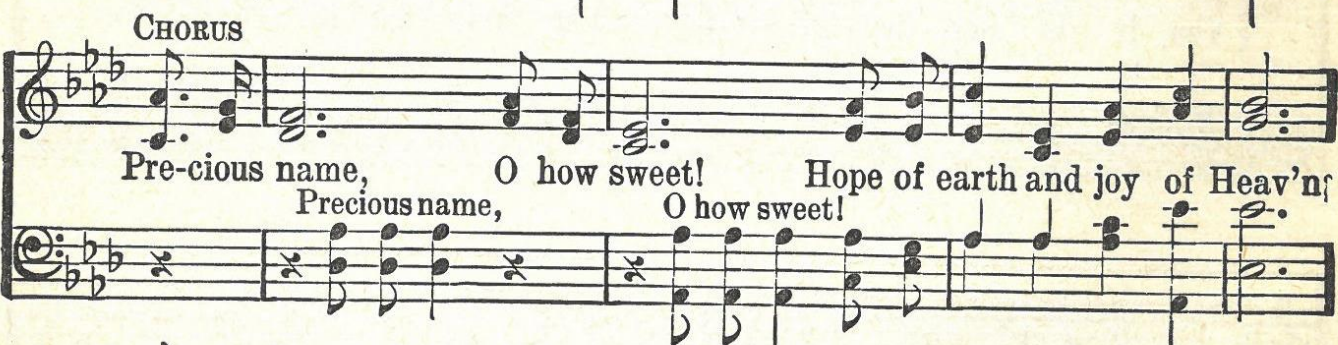


1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev-'ry snare;
3. O the precious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet,

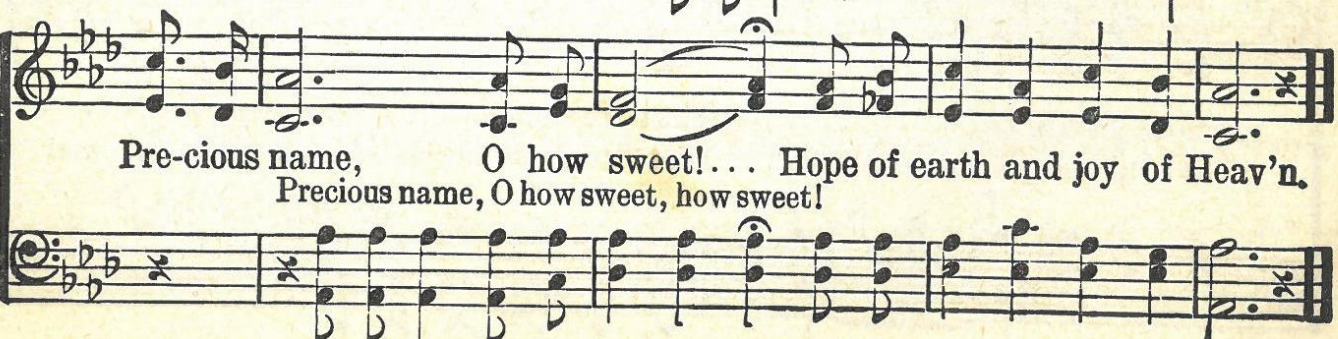


It will joy and com-fort give you, Take it, then, wher-e'er you go.
If temp-ta-tions round you gath-er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
When His lov-ing arms re-ceive us, And His songs our tongues em-ploy!
King of kings in Heav'n we'll crown Him, When our jour - ney is com-plete.

CHORUS



Pre-cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n!
Precious name, O how sweet!



Pre-cious name, O how sweet!... Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.
Precious name, O how sweet, how sweet!

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 20	6:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social – church lawn
July 21	5:45 pm	Nurture Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
July 22	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
July 23	7:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
July 24	1:00 pm	Care Ministry Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have another Ice Cream Social TONIGHT, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. on the church lawn. Braum's ice cream will be served. Sign up for toppings on the bulletin board. Invite your friends and see you there!

Please mark your calendars for communion during worship service on August 3.

The WDC Annual Assembly is August 8-9 in Hesston and on Zoom. If you would like to be a delegate from our church and/or plan to attend, please let Pastor Steve or Church Chair Gregg Dick know TODAY so we can turn in the delegate paperwork.

WDC Annual Assembly – Never participated in Annual Assembly? It's full of fun for all ages! Camp Sing after worship Friday evening, along with live, local music, ice cream and fellowship time Saturday evening, and fun intergenerational faith formation for kids, youth and adults on Saturday! Join us for Annual Assembly on August 8-9, at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet or go mennowdc.org. Registration deadline is July 27.

If you unable to attend Assembly but would still like a WDC T-shirt (and didn't already receive a free one for attending MennoCon25), here is another way to order one besides on the Assembly registration form. These will be available for pickup at the WDC Office after Assembly which is Aug 8-9. If you are at a distance, we will connect about mailing yours to you. They are \$10 each. Orders are due by July 27 so don't delay! If you choose to "pay later", please bring payment when you pick up the shirt.

From Pastor Steve: Have you ever found yourself wondering why we do certain things in church, like lighting candles, reading a call to worship, or passing the peace? Or maybe you've had questions about Christian life in general, like why we pray before meals or what baptism really means? I am planning a new sermon series to explore the “whys” behind our worship and daily walk with Jesus. But I need your help to shape it. If there’s something you’ve always been curious about, or maybe something you once knew but forgot, now’s your chance to ask. No question is too small or too silly. What is your “Why do we do that?” question? You can send your question to me in an email, put it in my mail box or stick it in the offering box in the foyer.

The Pine Village Benefit Day Bierock Dinner is coming up on Friday, August 15th from 5:30-7pm! Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for only \$3 more! We would love for you to join us in person! Also, we are now taking bierock pre-orders until Monday, August 11th. You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. Return forms to Pine Village or order online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org/shop>. Pre-order pick up will be on Friday, August 15th from 3-6pm at Pine Village Wellness Center. Thank you for your support of Pine Village!

Colorado peaches are coming to MCC! Palisade peaches from western Colorado are available for order and purchase until July 30. Two sizes are available: 9 lb. for \$30 and 18 lb. for \$42. Orders can be placed by emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org or by calling MCC, 316.283.2720. Payment in the form of cash or check is due by July 30. Make checks payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with “peaches” in the memo line. Payment can be mailed to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or dropped off at the MCC at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Peaches will be ready for pick-up on Monday, August 18 at the MCC warehouse. Beth-El Mennonite Church sells peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you for supporting MCC!

Online registration is open for the Women’s & Girls Retreat September 6-7 at Camp MennoScah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and **Pastor** Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). Go to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org for a detailed schedule, register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. Registration is due August 29. Any questions? Email us at westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for the group from our church who are leaving today for Georgia. Pray for them and all the Jubilee partners who are undertaking a house build with volunteer labor.
- Pray for the family, friends, and community of the young girl and her friend's father who tragically lost their lives in a boating accident at Kanopolis Lake on July 3. May God's comfort, peace, and presence surround all who are grieving this deep loss.
- Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance and blessing for all who are preparing for WDC Annual Assembly, coming up August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Laura Schlabach, who, for the past two years, has served on the interim executive director team for JCS International, in addition to being the organization's finance and IT director. Pray for wisdom, energy and patience for Laura, as she carries a double workload for this consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. Pray for the executive director search committee as they work through the recruiting process.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Ruth Mueller, James Nightingale, Kalyn Ortman
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Western District Conference (Designated)	\$887.26
Church Budget	1,590.00
Neighbors	50.00

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	83
-------------------------------	----

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Offender Victim Ministries
-----------------------------	----------------------------

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Ruth Mueller, Debbie Nightingale, Kalyn Ortman
----------------------------	--