



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 12, 2025

*Lord, thank you for the pastors
and leaders you've placed
among us. As we worship today,
we pray that you strengthen and
encourage them. Help us honor
their calling and support them
with love and prayer.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements - Ruth Mueller

Centering Music – Bell Choir

Come, Now is the Time to Worship – Brian Doerksen, arr.by
Dennis Robert

Call to Worship - Pastor Steve

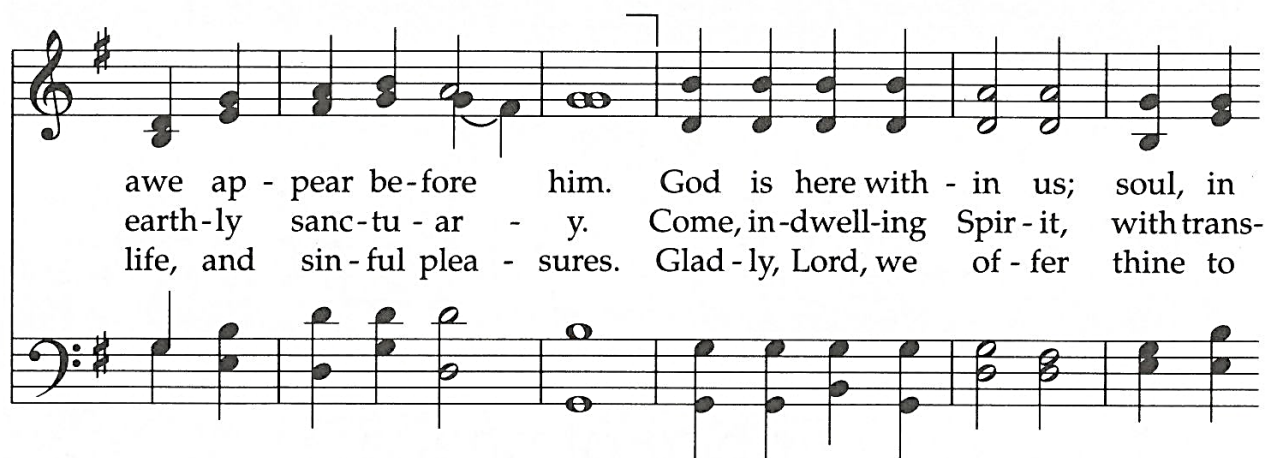
Special Music – Bell Choir

Sweet, Sweet Spirit – Doris Akers, arr. by Linda Lamb

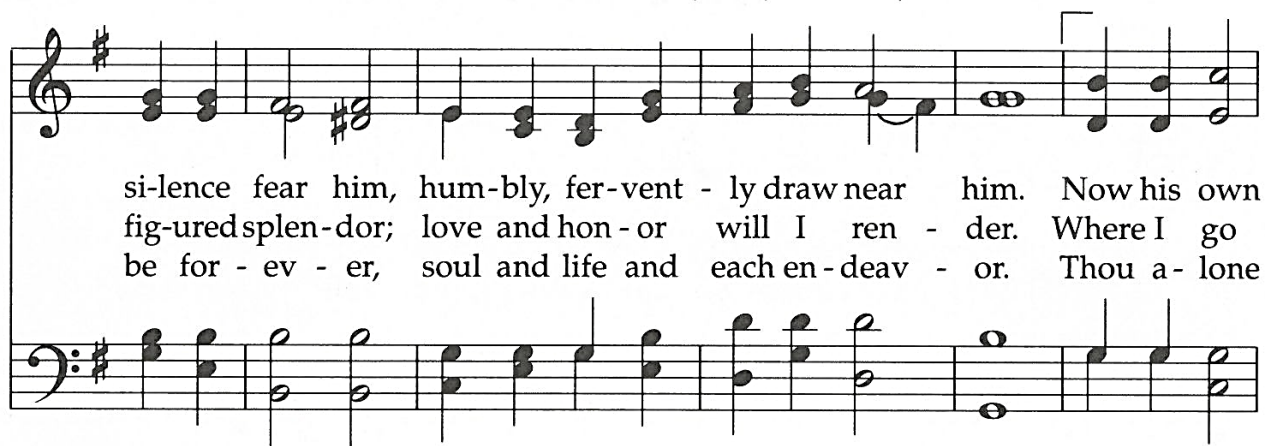
***Worship Through Singing – God is here among us – HWB #16**



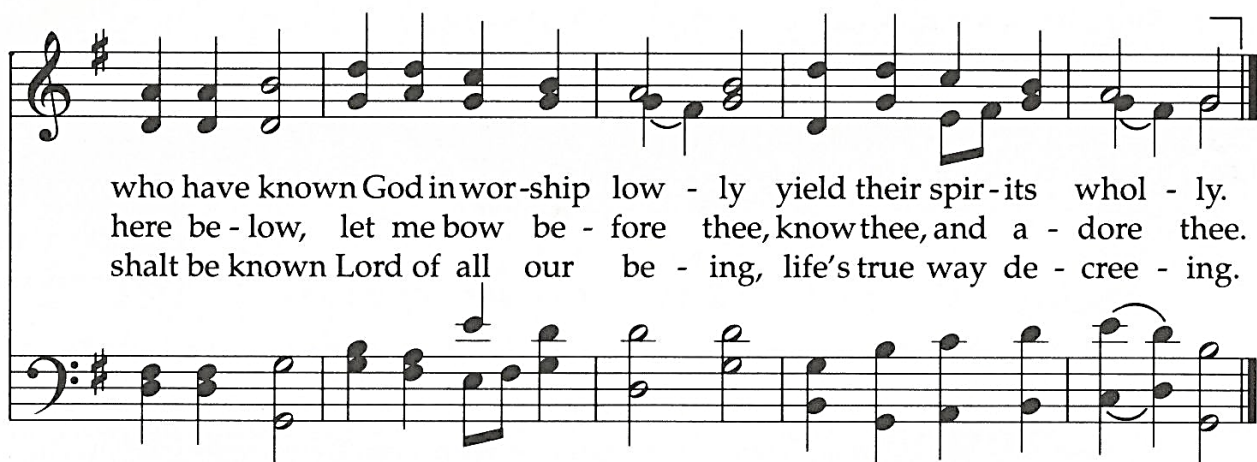
1 God is here a - mong us; let us all a - dore him, and with
2 Come, a-bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry, be thine
3 Glad - ly we sur - ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of



awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us; soul, in
earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spir - it, with trans -
life, and sin - ful plea - sures. Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to



si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him. Now his own
fig - ured splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der. Where I go
be for - ev - er, soul and life and each en - deav - or. Thou a - lone



who have known God in wor - ship low - ly yield their spir - its whol - ly.
here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.
shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.

***Worship Through Singing – Majesty – Lyrics Projected**

Offering & Offertory – Hog Roast – Mission Bell Choir
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – arr. by Bill Ingram

Scripture Reading – Psalm 46 (p. 885)

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

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

Worship Through Singing - *In the Presence of Jehovah* – Lyrics
Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

*Sacred Rhythms: The Music, Silence, and Symbols that
Shape Us*

Response Song – *This Little Light of Mine* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *When in Our Music God is Glorified* – VT #83



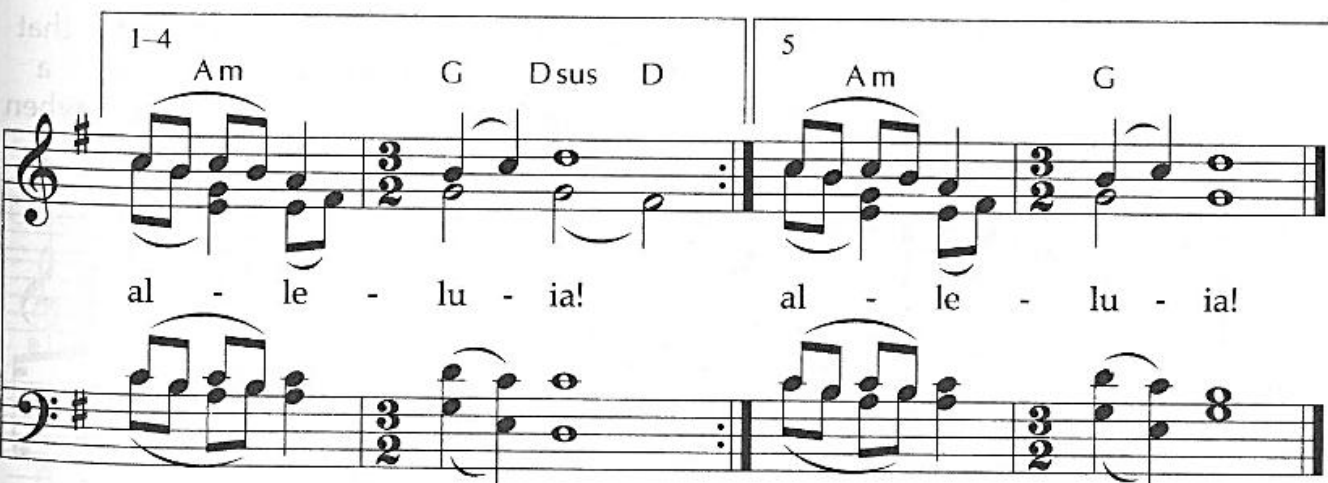
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev' - ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev' - ry tongue,
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways



***Benediction**

***Postude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 12	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	3:00 p.m.	P & M Pumpkin Ranch outing
Oct. 13	7:00 p.m.	Hospitality meeting
Oct. 14	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
Oct. 15	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Praise Team practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The P & M Pumpkin Ranch outing is today! Join your church family for fall fun today at P & M Pumpkin Ranch (311 16th Ave., Moundridge). We have a campfire reserved from 3-7 p.m. but you are welcome to go out earlier as well. The cost is \$16.99/person at the gate with a 10% discount if you mention First Mennonite. Hotdogs, buns, veggies, chips, s'mores and drinks will be available at the campfire site.

Adult Bible Study continues this Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:45 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m. The study will run through Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Our Annual Hog Roast will be Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Scout Park. A pulled pork meal will be available by donation, and music will be provided by the local bluegrass group *Prairie Highway*. Invite your friends, bring your lawn chairs, and be part of an enjoyable evening at the park. Proceeds from the meal will go to Camp Mennoscah.

The Mission Ministry invites you to help them complete a 500-roll, toilet paper challenge during the month of October for the Neighbors Store. Bring your rolls of any kind of toilet paper and place them under the coat racks at any time during the month of October. The recipients of our last toilet paper challenge were very appreciative. Let's bless them again!

It's meat canning season once again! Volunteers from our church will be needed at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton on November 5, 6 & 7 to pack the protein and send it on its way. A link to sign up to help was emailed with the bulletin packet.

Pine Village is gearing up for their 2025 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 23. Supper will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. and the live auction will begin at 6 p.m. Auction items are on their website for viewing beforehand at www.pinevillageks.org. The raffle item this year is a Patrick Mahomes Autographed Football Helmet in case. Gift cards/certificates and church baskets are available for online bidding. All links are on their website.

Bethel College Updates: Sun., Oct. 19 & Mon., Oct. 20 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures, with Dr. Kat Hill. The overall theme is "Diasporic Lives: Mennonites, Migration and the Search for Home." First lecture: Oct. 19, 7 p.m., "People, Places, Pasts: Mennonite Meanings of Home Across Time and Place"; Second lecture: Mon., Oct. 20, 11 a.m., "Diasporic Lives and Dispersed Archives: Reading the Records of Mennonite Belonging"; Third lecture: Mon., Oct. 20, 7 p.m., "Contested Homes and Conflicted Belonging in Mennonite Pasts." All in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with audience discussion following each lecture. Free and open to the public. **Now through Oct. 27** - "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Nov. 2-4** – Bethel College Worship and the Arts Symposium. Information and a registration link were emailed with the bulletin packet.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend either in person or by Zoom. A link for the zoom meeting was emailed with the bulletin packet. Hope Mennonite Church is located at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita. A silent auction for a few items will take place. **Welcome to Eric Litwiller!** Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennoscah. He has jumped in head-first to activities and has already started making contacts. He can be reached at eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org **Verenike Casserole Meal Returns!** Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 8, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. You may either drive-through and pick up your meals or dine in. A link to order meals was included in the bulletin packet email. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome! **Calling All Helpers! The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah** has provided many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help, whether you have construction skills or not! We'd like to create a list of people who we can email for specific workday projects as they come up. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 with your name and email address if you are willing to help and we will send out info for projects a week or two in advance of work to be done. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center."

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Elaine Mohler and her family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Harley. May God be a near and felt presence for them as they adapt to life without Harley.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, Kansas, as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this weekend, with gratitude for God's faithfulness in the past, present and future of this WDC congregation.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, who were not able to renew their visas to continue ministry in Chad. Pray for them and their three children as they move to Montbéliard, France, for the coming school year. Pray that the family can make a smooth adjustment and that they can contribute to La Prairie Mennonite Church's ministry to Muslim immigrants.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Sara Smoker, Tia Regier, Josie Whorton

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Building Maintenance	\$100.00
Church Budget Offering	5,900.00
Hog Roast	50.00
MCUSA	265.00
Wednesday Supper	110.00
Western District Conference	75.00

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Western District Conference

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Jason Smoker, Raquel Wilcox, Emmit Jacob