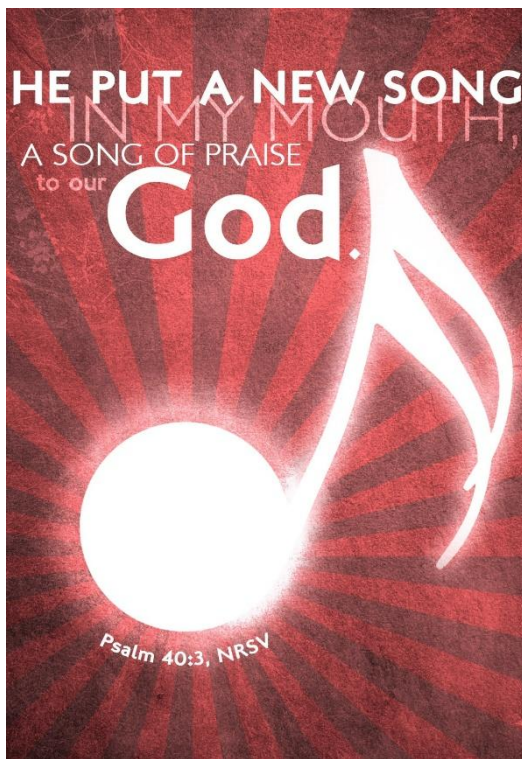




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 26, 2025

*Welcome to the Bethel College
choirs. We're glad you're here
to worship with us!*

Gathering Music – Bethel College students

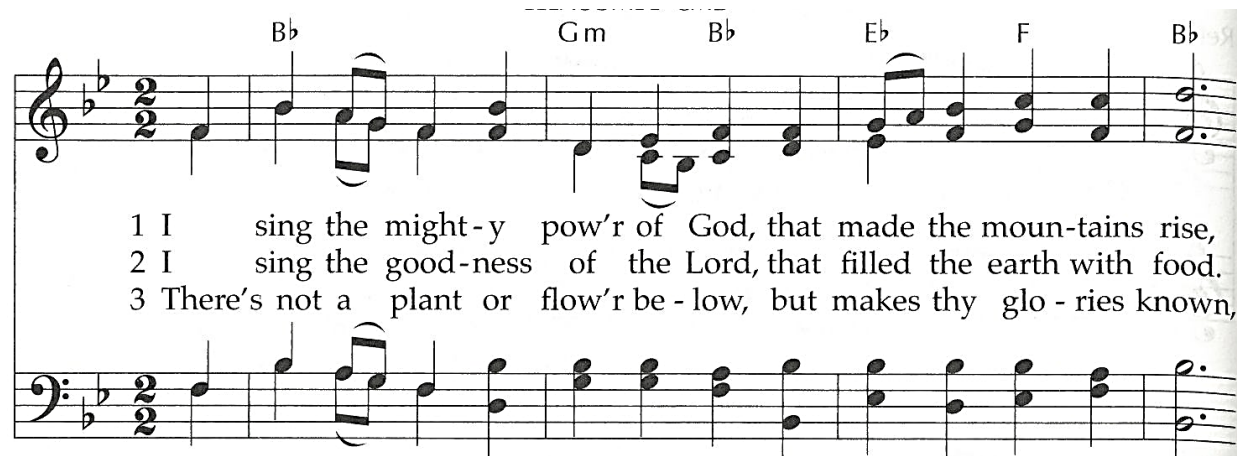
Welcome and Announcements - Gregg Dick

Centering Music – Chamber Singers
Cantate Domino -Claudio Monteverdi

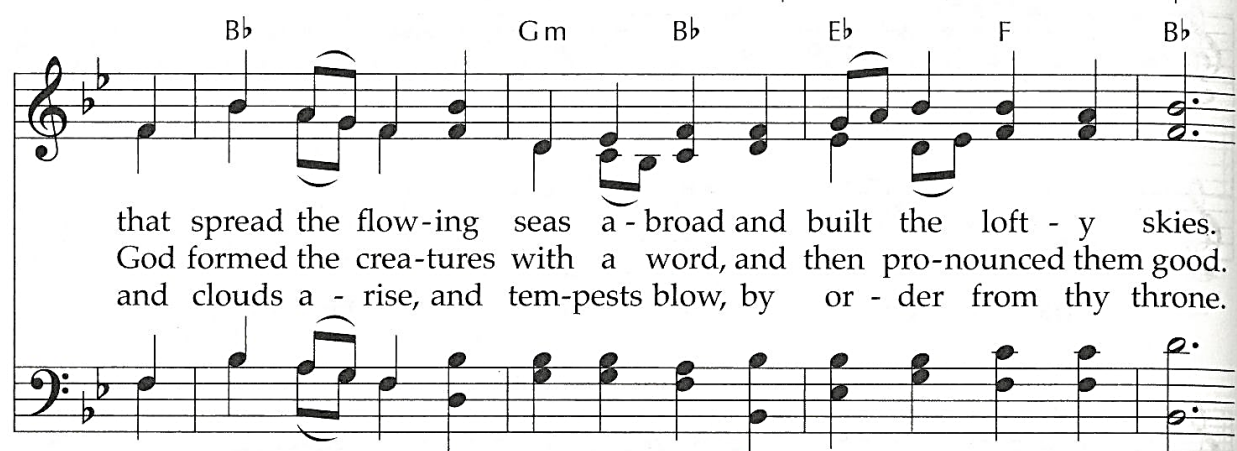
*Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing and give praise to the
name of the Lord. For the Lord has done marvelous deeds.
Sing and exult and praise with the harp and voice.*

***Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve
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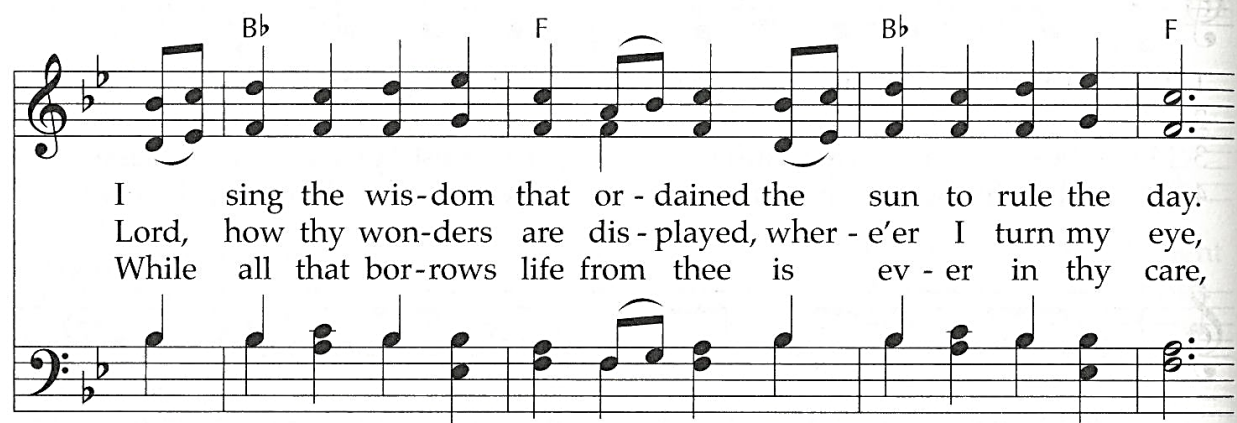
***Worship Through Singing – I Sing the Mighty Power of God–**
Led by Abby Koontz



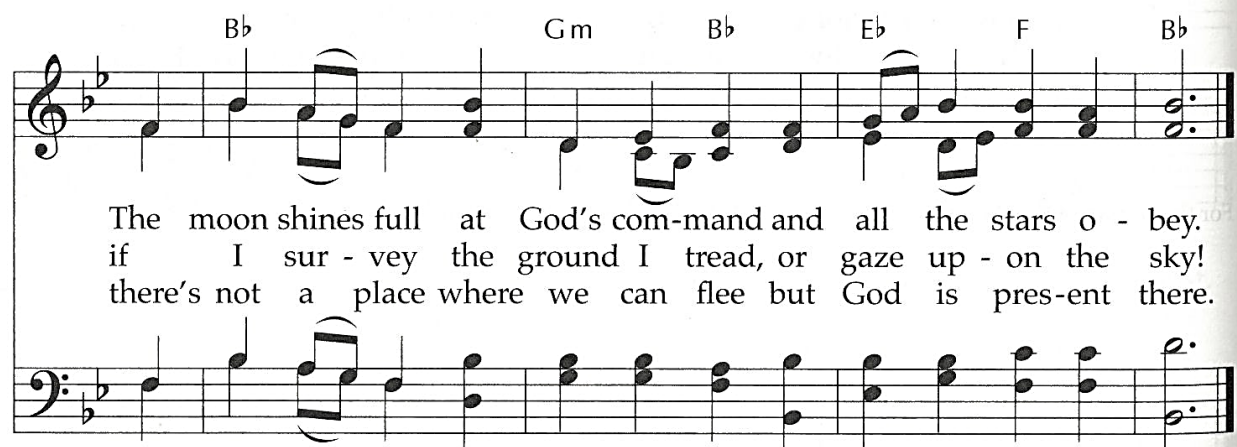
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known,



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.



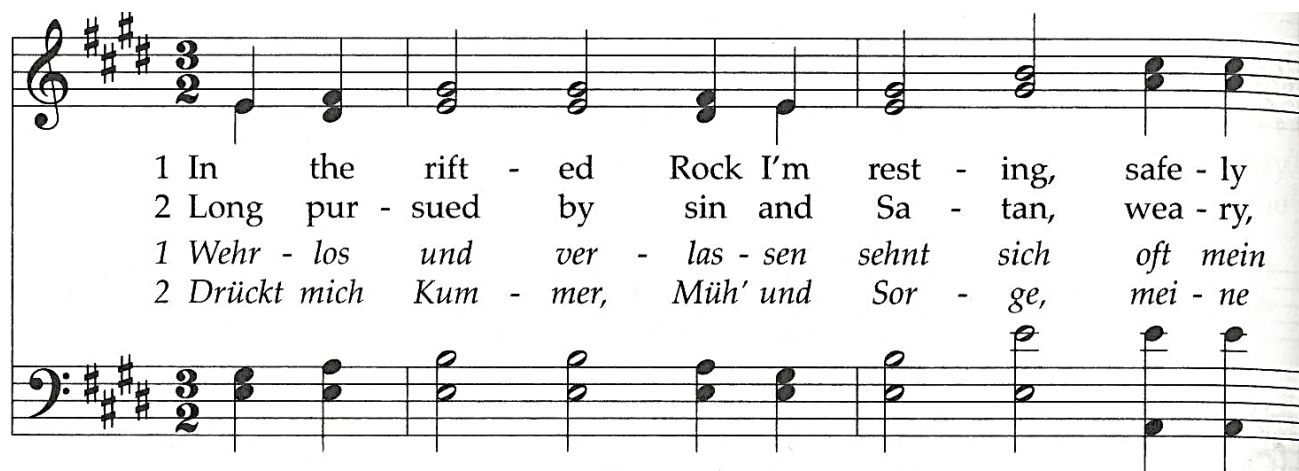
I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
there's not a place where we can flee but God is pres-ent there.

*Worship Through Singing – In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting–

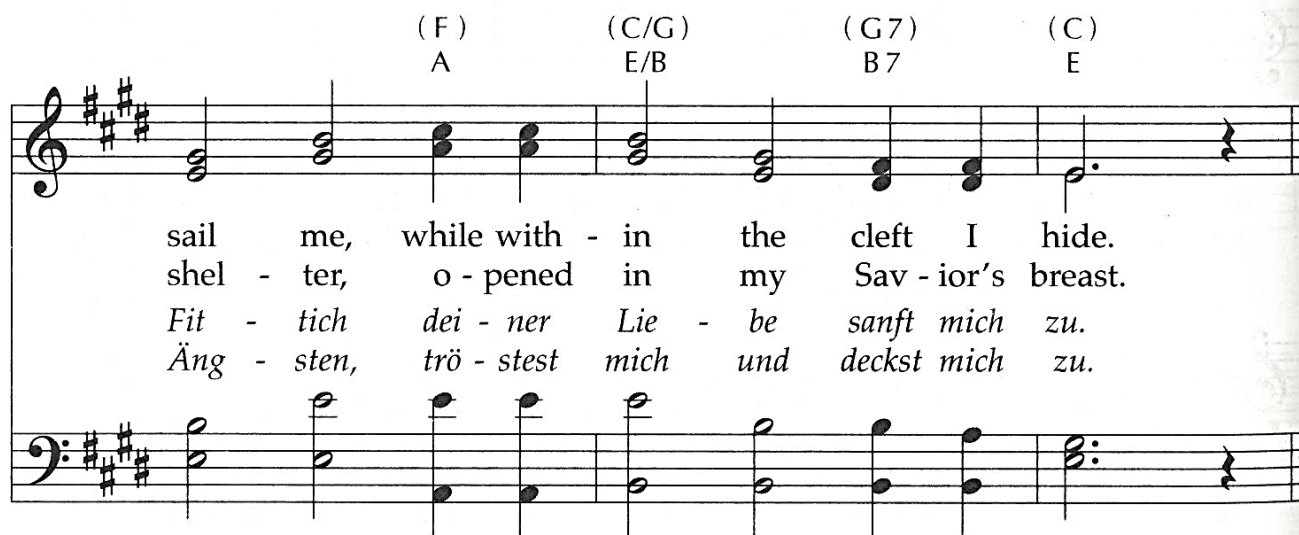
Led by Jacob Schrag



1 In the rift - ed Rock I'm rest - ing, safe - ly
 2 Long pur - sued by sin and Sa - tan, wea - ry,
 1 Wehr - los und ver - las - sen sehnt sich oft mein
 2 Drückt mich Kum - mer, Müh' und Sor - ge, mei - ne



(C) E (G) B (C) E
 shel - tered, I a - bide. There no foes nor storms as -
 sad, I longed for rest. Then I found this heav'n - ly
 Herz nach stil - ler Ruh'; doch du de - ckest mit dem
 Zu - flucht bist nur du, ret - test mich aus al - len



(F) A (C/G) E/B (G7) B7 (C) E
 sail me, while with - in the cleft I hide.
 shel - ter, o - pened in my Sav - ior's breast.
 Fit - tich dei - ner Lie - be sanft mich zu.
 Äng - sten, trö - stest mich und deckst mich zu.

Refrain

Now I'm rest - ing, sweet - ly rest - ing, in the
Un - ter dei - nem sanf - ten Fit - tich find' ich

(G) (C) (G) (C)
B E B E

cleft once made for me. Je - sus, bless - ed Rock of
Frie - den, Trost und Ruh'; denn du schir - mest mich so

(F) (C/G) (G7) (C)
A E/B B7 E

ag - es, I will hide my - self in thee.
freund - lich, schü - ttest mich und deckst mich zu.

3 Peace which passeth understanding,
joy the world can never give,
now in Jesus, I am finding;
in his smiles of love I live.

3 Sicher bin ich und geborgen,
denn bei dir ist süße Ruh';
mag es auch im Leben stürmen,
Herr, dein Fittich deckt mich zu.

4 In the rifted Rock I'll hide me,
till the storms of life are past,
all secure in this blest refuge,
heeding not the fiercest blast.

4 Kommt dann meine letzte Stunde,
geh' ich ein zur ew'gen Ruh';
und du deckst mit deinen Flügeln
ewiglich dein Kindlein zu.

Offering & Offertory – MC USA

Music by Bethel students

Children's Time – Maira Abrile de Paiva, Bethany Schrag, and Micheala Wenger

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

Worship Through Singing - Concert Choir

"The Heavens Are Telling" from *The Creation* - Joseph Haydn

Heilig - Felix Mendelssohn

God Is Near - Samuel Koch

It Is Well With My Soul - arr. Harrington - Open Road

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Scripture Reading – Liam Ortman

Message – Timothy Schrag

Why We Sing

How Can I Keep From Singing? - arr. Rob Dietz – Chamber Singers

Hope Lingers On - arr. Andrea Ramsey - Woven

I Will Sing - Michael Engelhardt - Concert Choir

***Response Song** – *When the Morning Stars Together* - arr. John Ferguson. Please join the choir on verses 2 and 4



Choir: 1. When the morn-ing stars to-geth-er Their Cre-a-tor's
All: 2. When in syn-a-gogue and tem-ple Voic-es raised the
Choir: 3. Voice and in-stru-ment in un-ion Through the a-ges
All: 4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu-sic; Touch our lips and



glo-ry sang, And the an-gel host all shout-ed
psalm-ists' songs, Of-fer-ing the ad-o-ra-tion
spoke your praise, Plain-song, tune-ful hymns, and an-thems
fire our hearts, Teach our minds and train our sens-es,



Till with joy the heav-ens rang, Then your wis-dom
Which a-lone to you be-longs, When the sing-ers
Told your faith-ful, gra-cious ways. Choir and or-ches-
Fit us for these sa-cred arts. Then with skill and



and your great-ness Their ex-ul-tant mu-sic told,
and the cym-bals With the trum-pet made ac-cord,
tra and or-gan Each a sa-cred of-f'ring brought,
con-se-cra-tion We would serve you, Lord, and give



All the beau-ty and the splen-dor
Glo-ry filled the house of wor-ship,
While, in-spired by your own Spir-it,
All our pow'rs to glo-ri-fy you,



Which your might-y works un-fold.
And all knew your pres-ence, Lord.
Po-et and com-pos-er wrought.
And in serv-ing ful-ly live.

***Closing Prayer** – Pastor Steve

Sending Song – Concert Choir

Spirit – Rawn Harbor

***Benediction** - Pastor Steve

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 26	12:00 p.m.	Last Sunday Potluck
	12:30 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	5:00 p.m.	Hog Roast
Oct. 27	6:00 p.m.	Nurture meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Oct. 28	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Bethel College choirs! We are so pleased you are here to share your music with us this morning. All are welcome to join us for our Last Sunday Potluck held immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall.

For those with October birthdays who came prepared for the monthly birthday offering, we will recognize the October birthdays and take that offering next Sunday.

Our Annual Hog Roast is tonight 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.

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.

The annual Mission Supper will be on Nov. 15 and your help is needed in order to host another successful event. Sign-ups for both food and workers are on the bulletin board. A link to sign-up genius was emailed with the bulletin packet if you want to sign up online. If you have questions or need help signing up, talk to a member of the Mission Supper committee (Alan, Marilyn, Lauren, Janet, Dwight and Sandy).

Care Portal Update: We have responded to a couple local needs in the last couple of weeks. A crib was delivered to grandparents in Newton who recently took in their infant grandson. Winter boots have been ordered for a Halstead Middle School student. Five people from our church assisted in removing heavy items, organizing and cleaning parts of a home and delivered a bed to a young Halstead mom. At the beginning of September, clothing and shoes for three kids was purchased for a Moundridge family. Thank you to those who have given of their resources and time to be able to meet these needs.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mission Ministry's toilet paper roll challenge during the month of October. In just three weeks, over 530 rolls were gathered! The rolls were delivered to the Neighbors Store this past week.

The Mennonite Men of Tabor Mennonite Church will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ on Thursday, November 6, for a dine-in or to-go event from 5-7 p.m. This year's donations will go to Mission Partners Joseph and Rachel Givens and Bethesda Home. Tabor Mennonite Church is located at 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton.

Hope Mennonite Church's annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita. All proceeds from the event will help support Hope Mennonite Church service projects: MCC, Camp Mennoscah, Family Promise and Justice Together. There will be live music, a bake sale featuring peppernuts, kids' activities, local vendors, Quilter's Corner, and

breakfast and lunch – Cinnamon Rolls, German Sausage, Bierocks, Pie, and more. All are welcome — entry is free!

Bethel College Updates: Tues., Oct. 28 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Sun., Nov. 2** – Merrill Krabill's exhibit "Between Earth and Sky" opens, with the artist reception on the same day, 3-4 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Sun., Nov. 2** – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: 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! **Retreat Center Work Day on October 25!** Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 to participate.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Joyce Rodenberg and her upcoming knee surgery.
- Western District Conference: Pray for our church planters as they follow God's call. Ask for guidance and provision to strengthen their ministries and bring stability to their families.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for JCS International's leadership at all levels and, especially for Gerlee (many Mongolian people identify with a single name), in her role as interim executive director. May God's Spirit guide this leadership transition and pray for more long-term workers to help with the many opportunities to serve in Mongolia.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Kaitlen Ortman, Casey Jacob, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Building Maintenance	689.96
Church Budget	2,005.00
Camp Mennoscah	30.00
Hog Roast	100.00
MCUSA	140.00
Meat Canning	2,500.00
Wednesday Supper	35.00
Western District Conference	1,261.00

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

90

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Church Budget

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Marilyn Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Kalyn Ortman



Bethel College Concert Choir

2025-2026

Dr. Russell Adrian, conductor

Dr. Christina Liu, piano

Soprano

Maira Abrile de Paiva	Senior
<i>Maddie Anderson*</i>	Freshman
Carley Bartell	Senior
Lucy Burch	Freshman
Abby Deckert	Senior
Pandora Freeman	Junior
<i>Emma Graber*</i>	Junior
<i>Abigail Grittmann</i>	Senior
<i>Kyra Linenberger*</i>	Junior
Luz Mayora-Valenzuela	Junior
Emily Medbury	Senior
<i>Bethany Schrag*</i>	Senior
Victoria Wright	Sophomore

Alto

Maria Cortes-Hernandez*	Senior
Stefany Cortes-Hernandez*	Sophomore
Sophia England	Junior
Camryn Entz	Junior
Annabelle Francoeur	Sophomore
Adah Hodge	Freshman
<i>Anna-Joy Jones*</i>	Sophomore
<i>Abby Koontz*</i>	Sophomore
Annalise Miller	Senior

Mara Oswald
Faith Peterson
April Pows
Dalaina Schutte
Micheala Wenger

Freshman
Freshman
Senior
Freshman
Junior

Tenor

Caleb Garber^
Havea Hafoka
Riley Hartvickson
Liam Ortman^
Jacob Schrag^
Noah Schrag
Timothy Schrag^

Senior
Freshman
Freshman
Freshman
Senior
Sophomore
Senior

Bass

Seth Balzer^
Riley Brunow
Josiah Buller
Henry Harrington^
Angel Hernandez
Ben Janzen^
Caleb Koontz
Jasper Krehbiel
Ethan Wilcox^

Junior
Freshman
Junior
Freshman
Senior
Sophomore
Senior
Senior
Freshman

^Open Road

*Woven

Chamber Singers