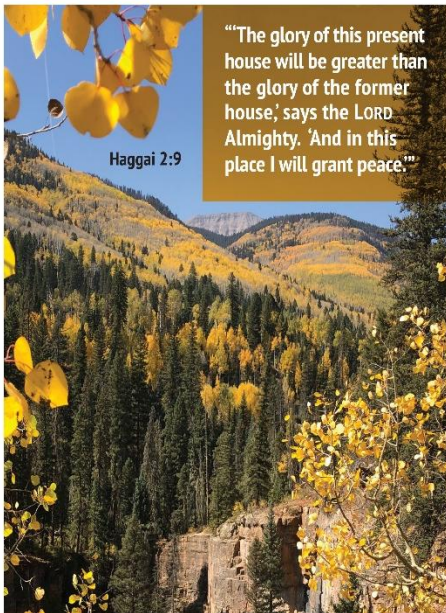




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

November 9, 2025

*Holy Spirit, my warm shelter
and loving embrace: I lay before
you all my cares and
distractions. Focus my heart on
your goodness as I worship with
this congregation. Amen.*

Gathering Music – Jared Janzen

Prelude II – J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements - Amy Buchholz

Centering Music – Jared Janzen

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - arr. by Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord says, "Be strong, all you people of the land, and work, for I am with you."

People: We come, not with the glory of yesterday, but with hearts ready to be renewed.

Leader: The Lord of hosts declares, "My Spirit remains among you; do not fear."

People: Though what we see may seem small, we trust that God is still building His glory among us.

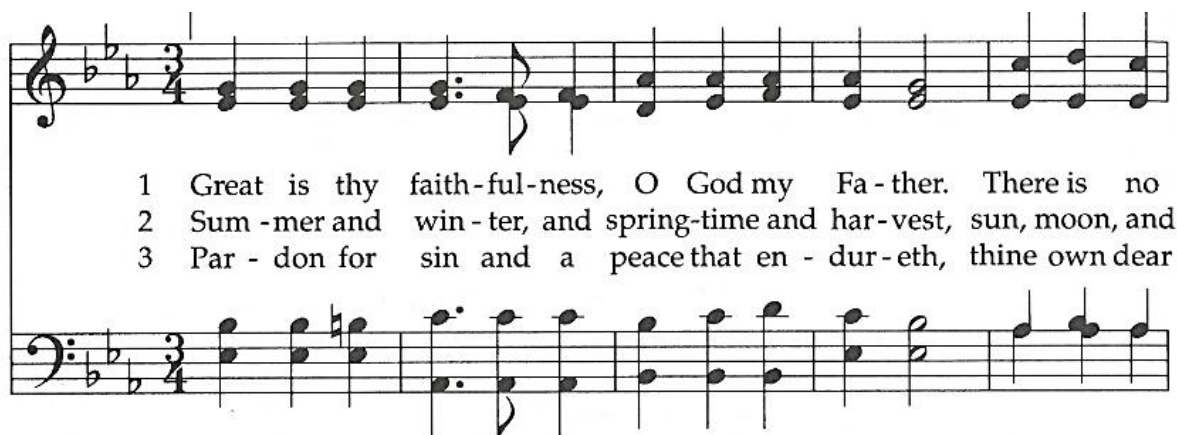
Leader: The silver and gold belong to the Lord; the future is His to shape.

People: We worship the God who brings peace where there was once despair.

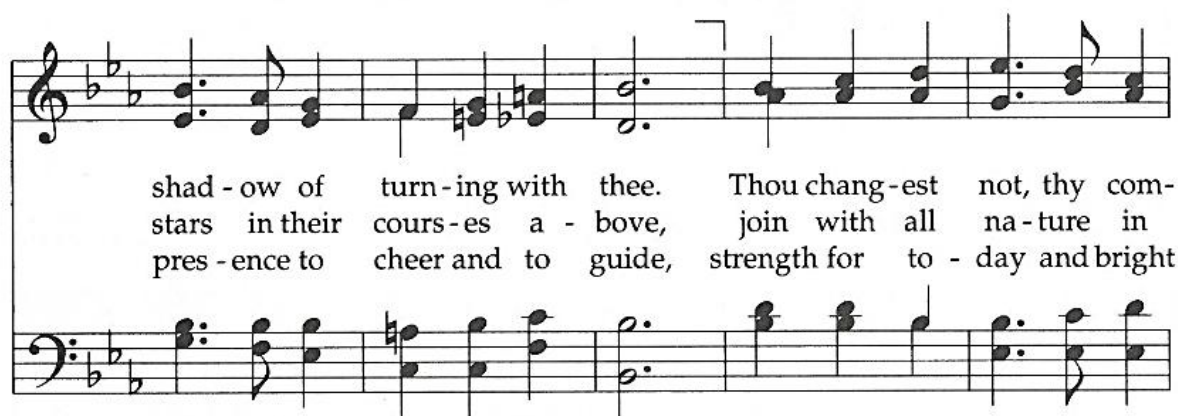
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord of glory—

All: Whose presence among His people is the truest temple of all.

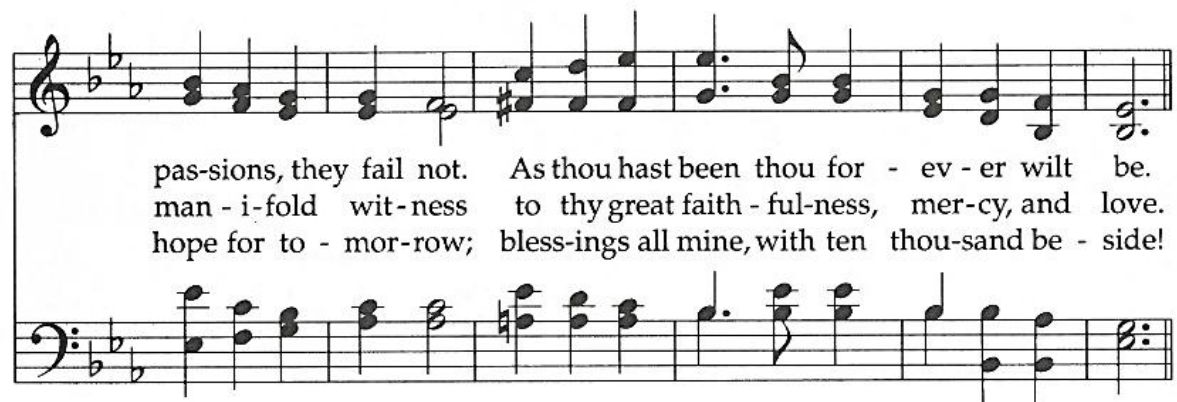
***Worship Through Singing – *Great is thy faithfulness*–HWB #327**



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

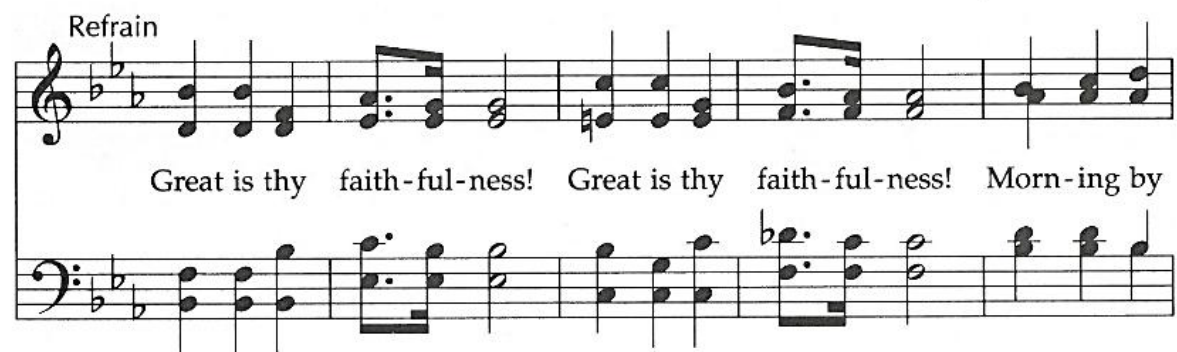


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row; bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



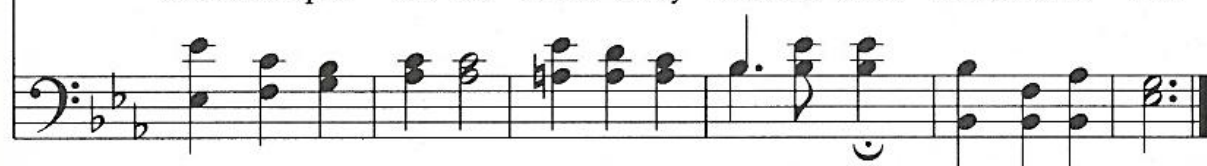
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed thy

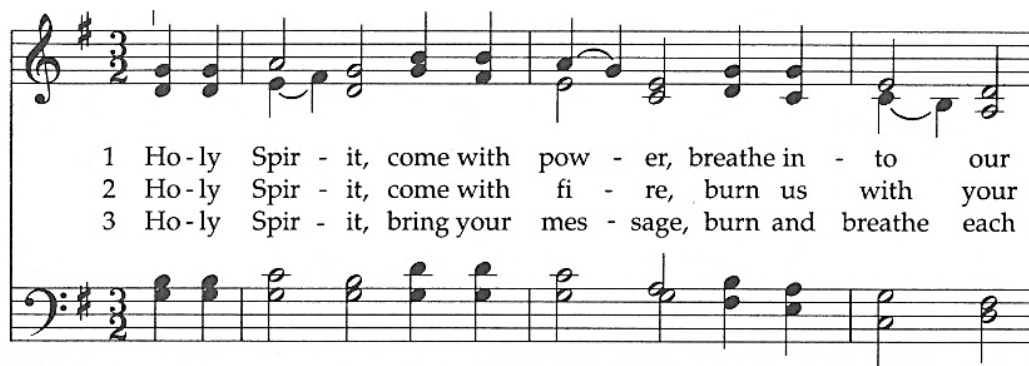


hand hath pro - vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Lord, un-to me!

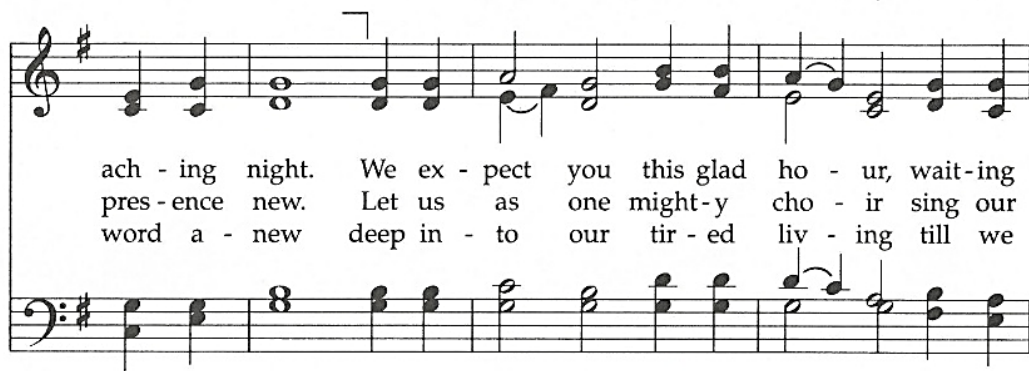


***Worship Through Singing – Holy Spirit, come with power–**

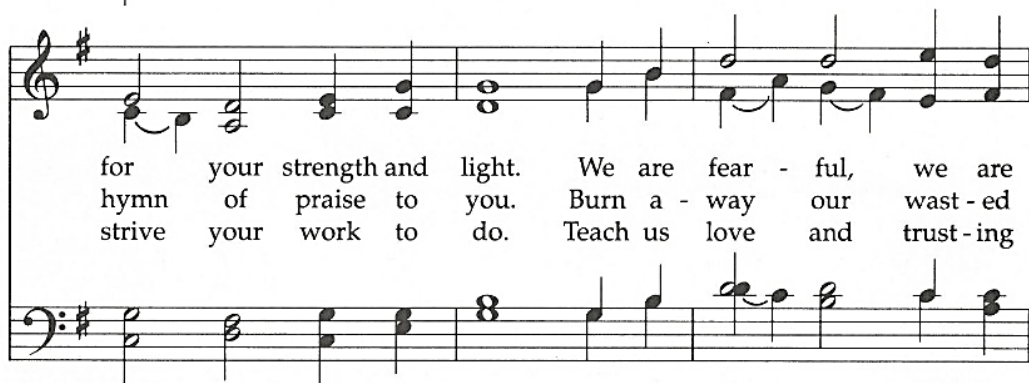
HWB #26



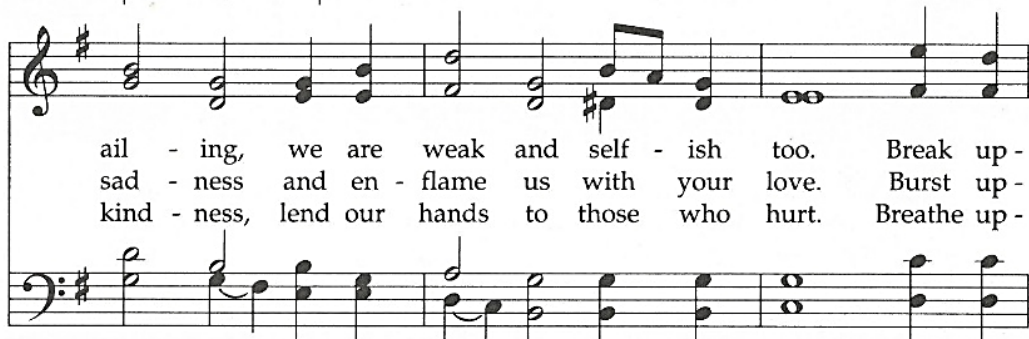
1 Ho-ly Spir - it, come with pow - er, breathe in - to our
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, come with fi - re, burn us with your
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage, burn and breathe each



ach - ing night. We ex - pect you this glad ho - ur, wait-ing
pres - ence new. Let us as one might-y cho - ir sing our
word a - new deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we



for your strength and light. We are fear - ful, we are
hymn of praise to you. Burn a - way our wast - ed
strive your work to do. Teach us love and trust-ing



ail - ing, we are weak and self - ish too. Break up -
sad - ness and en - flame us with your love. Burst up -
kind - ness, lend our hands to those who hurt. Breathe up -



on your con-gre - ga - tion, give us vig - or, life a - new.
on your con-gre - ga - tion, give us glad - ness from a - bove.
on your con-gre - ga - tion and in - spire us with your word.

Offering & Offertory – Harvest Mission Festival
God Himself is Present - arr. by Michael Burkhardt

Scripture Reading - Haggai 2:1-9 (p. 1469-70)

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

Worship Through Singing – *How Firm a Foundation* – VT #592

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

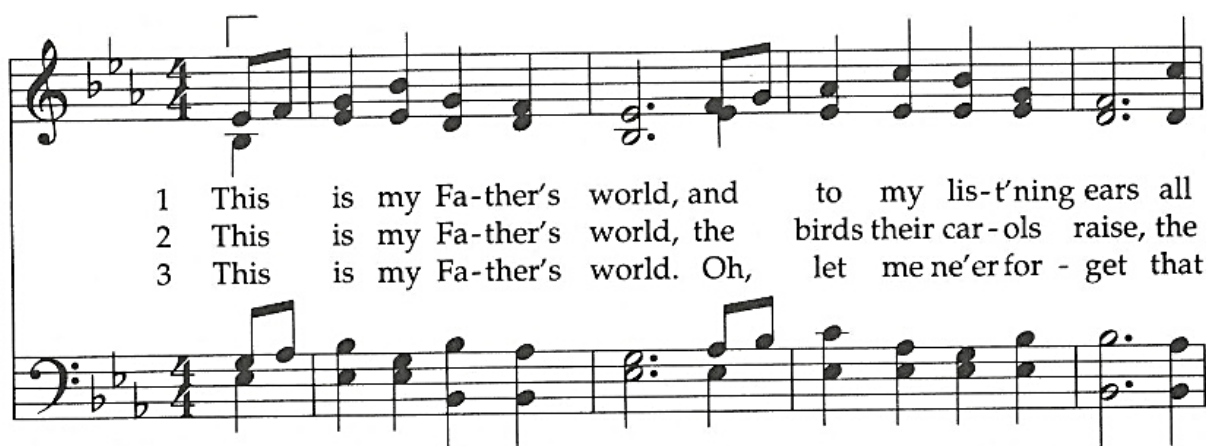
is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid.
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes.

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 The flames shall not hurt you. I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

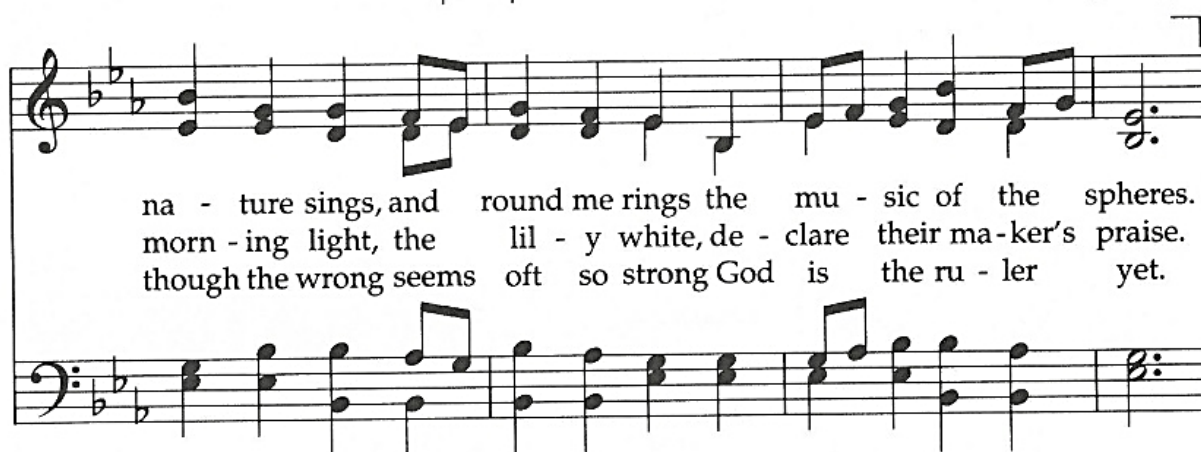
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you the deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Worship Through Singing – *This is my Father's world* – HWB

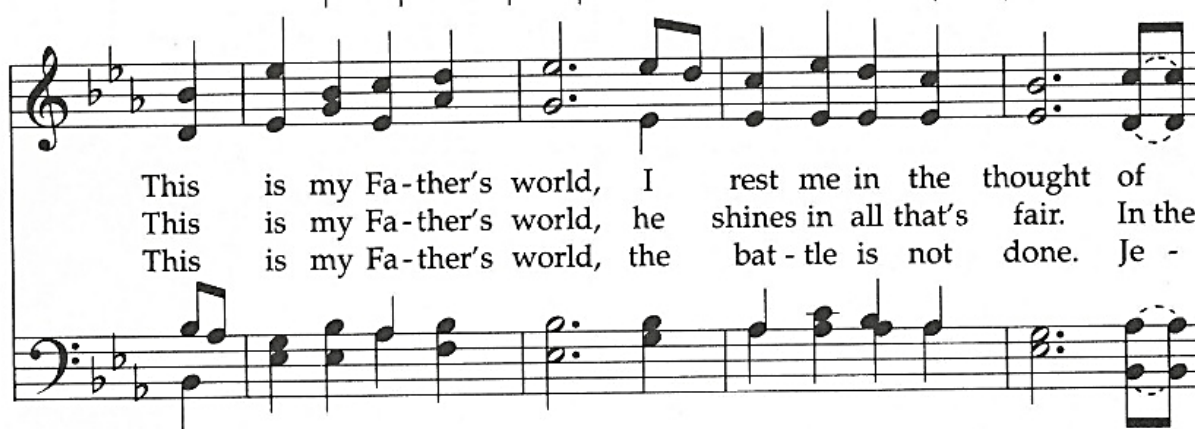
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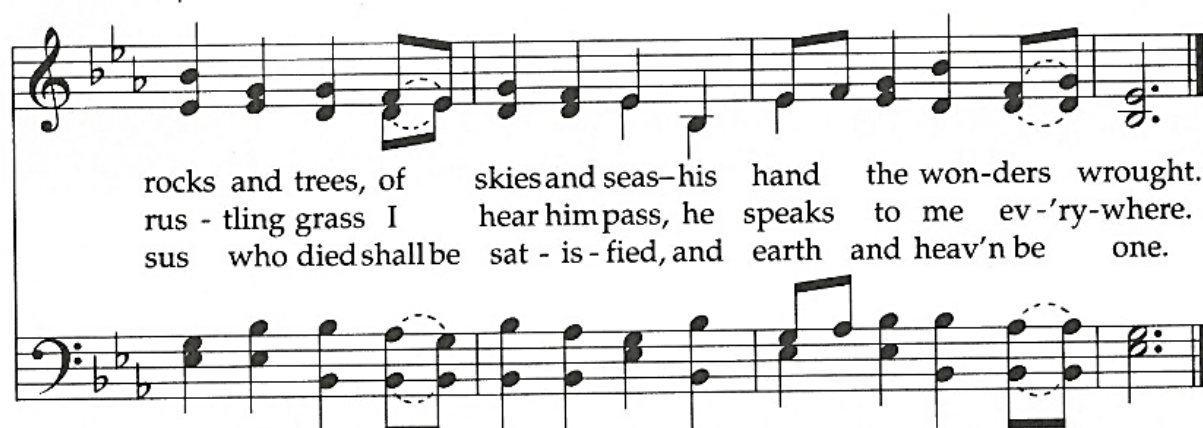
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world. Oh, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their ma-ker's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ru - ler yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world, he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world, the bat - tle is not done. Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas - his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Congregational Prayer

Message – Pastor Steve

The Glory Days: Finding Courage in God's Abiding Presence

Response Song – *Abide With Me* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** – *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Jared Janzen
Trumpet Tune – Douglas Wagner

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov. 9	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov. 11	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Nov. 12	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bells practice
	7:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Nov. 15	5:00 p.m.	Mission Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to renew our group subscription to *Anabaptist World* magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or begin a subscription, please let Melanie know by Sunday, Nov. 23. The

price for one year is \$49 and can be paid to the church (put *Anabaptist World* in the memo line if paying by check). The church also receives a copy of the magazine which is available in the library.

Address Changes: The following addresses have changed and need to be updated in your church directory:

Jason and Lauren Mueller
14705 W. 1st St., Halstead.

Elaine Mohler
Paramount Community Living
200 SW 14th St., Newton, KS 67114

During the month of November, the Hospitality ministry will be gathering items for care packages to send to our college kids in December. If you would like to contribute items for the care packages, here are some ideas: chips & salsa, Ramen noodles in cups, fruit snacks, Reese's peanut butter cups, sour Skittles, tortilla chips, Tostitos jarred cheese dip and diet Dr. Pepper. Items can be put in the plastic tub under the coat rack. Thank you for blessing our college kids!

The annual Mission Supper will be on Nov. 15, and your help is needed 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).

Phil Aylward's model railroad group will be displaying their model railroads at Pine Village on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The display will be in the Wellness Center.

The next Care Ministry meeting is on Thursday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m.

All women and girls, along with their guests, are invited to a Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m. We will

spend some time finding joy through fellowship and conversation with those at our table. Please RSVP on the bulletin board by November 30. If you'd like to help decorate a table or provide food, please add your name to those areas on the sign-up sheet.

Surviving the Holidays will meet on November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Garden Community Church office (349 N. Old Hwy 81, Hesston). These one-night videos with discussion offer help to those who have lost a loved one due to death or divorce. There is a separate meeting for each loss. There is a \$7.00 charge for the booklet for each. This gives the participants a sense of what the 13-week GriefShare or DivorceCare seminars offer. The next seminars will be January 8 - April 2. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Larry Rowe at larryrowe1@sbcglobal.net

Mennonite Mission Network is forming a support group from the churches that support Joseph and Rachel Givens in their ministry in Calais, France. This effort is being organized in collaboration with Weldon Martens, retired pastor of Grace Hill Mennonite Church and a continuing supporter of the Givens, as a way to stay connected to their work and to pray for them. If you are interested in attending the first

introductory Zoom meeting on November 18 at 7 p.m., please let Melanie know in order to get the Zoom link.

Bethel College Updates: Tues., Nov. 11 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents Dr. David Pérez, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **Tues., Nov. 18** – Guest recital: Seraph Brass, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Attention potential 2026 Summer Staffers! Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff leadership positions at Hesston College, Tabor College, and Bethel College on November 10-12, respectively. A pizza meal for those interested will take place on November 12 (time and place TBD). Positions include office, nature, music, lifeguard, crafts and grounds/maintenance. The online application

will be open no later than November 10. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 with questions.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Joyce Rodenberg as she recovers from knee surgery. Pray that she will soon be able to enjoy moving around freely again.
- Pray for John Vogt as he recovers from a recent foot surgery. Pray his recovery alleviates past issues and allows him full use of his foot.
- Pray for Linda Aylward as she navigates several different health challenges.
- Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather this Saturday, November 15, at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita for *Preparing the Way for Children*, a special event sponsored by WDC's Kids Meet Christ program to learn about the scriptural foundation for including children in worship, practical steps to become more intergenerational, and the process of congregational change.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH), in Hualien, Taiwan, was among the first to respond when Typhoon Ragasa devastated villages and caused flooding in their region in September. Pray that MCH personnel will be able to share Jesus' love, as they continue to care for those who were injured, those who lost loved ones and all who were traumatized by the storm's destruction.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Lauren Mueller, Maranda Whorton, Megan Ortman
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Jared Janzen, Cindy Siemens
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Birthday	\$60.00
Church Budget Offering	5,040.89
Hog Roast	300.00
MCUSA	50.00
Meat Canning	100.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	81
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Western District Conference
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Jason Mueller, Sara Smoker, Josie Whorton