

Halstead First Mennonite Church

August 3, 2025

I bring to you, Jesus, the whole mix of emotions of my day and week. Thank you for taking me as I am. Amen.

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements - Amy Buchholz

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

***Call to Worship**

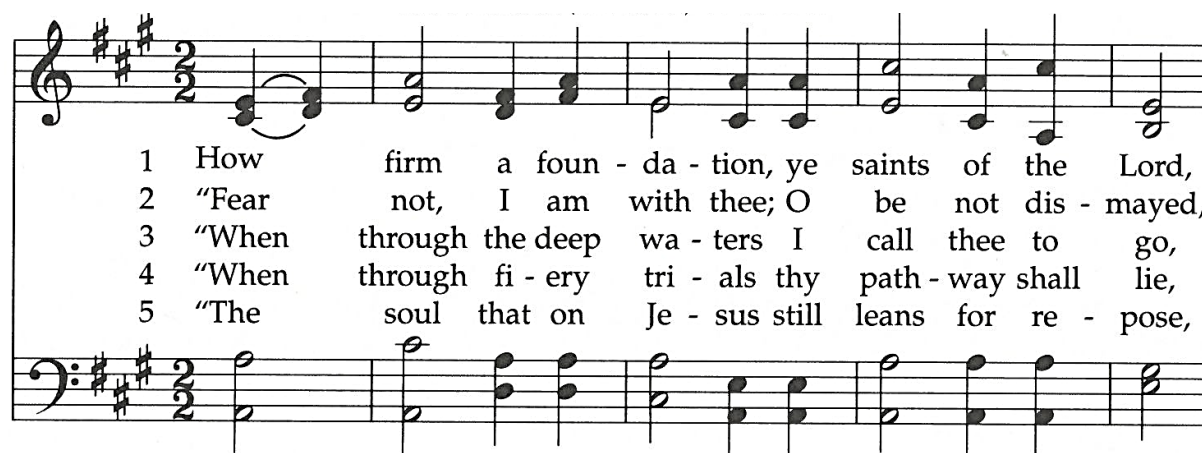
Leader: God, we bring to you our gift of praise, in gratitude for all your many blessings for us.

People: We offer our lives in service to you.

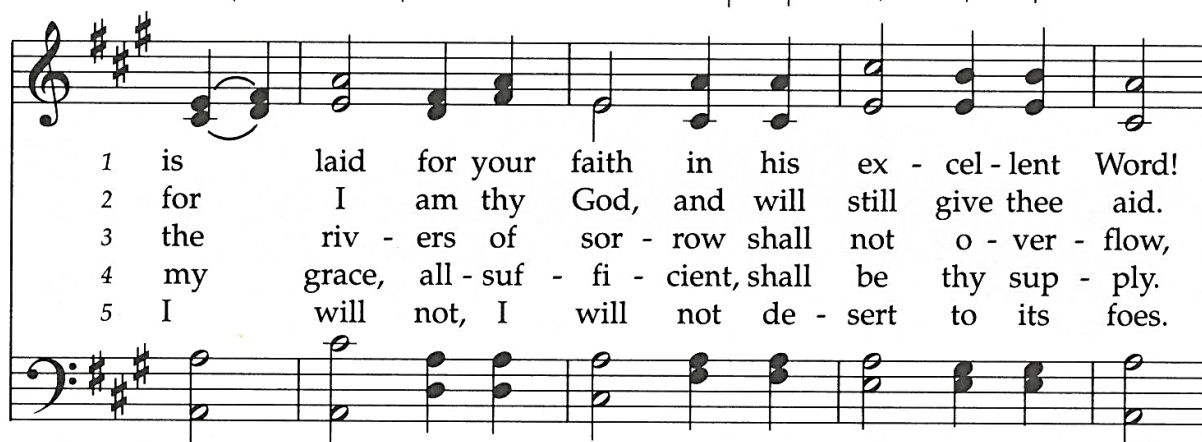
Leader: Help us to continually serve and praise you.

People: Place a joyful song in our hearts as we celebrate your name.

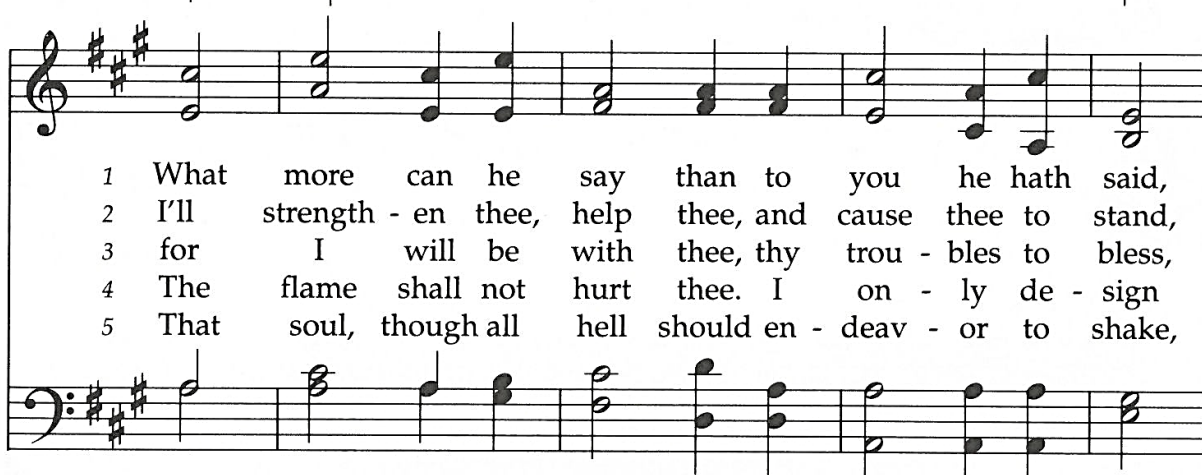
Praise Song – *How firm a foundation* – HWB #567



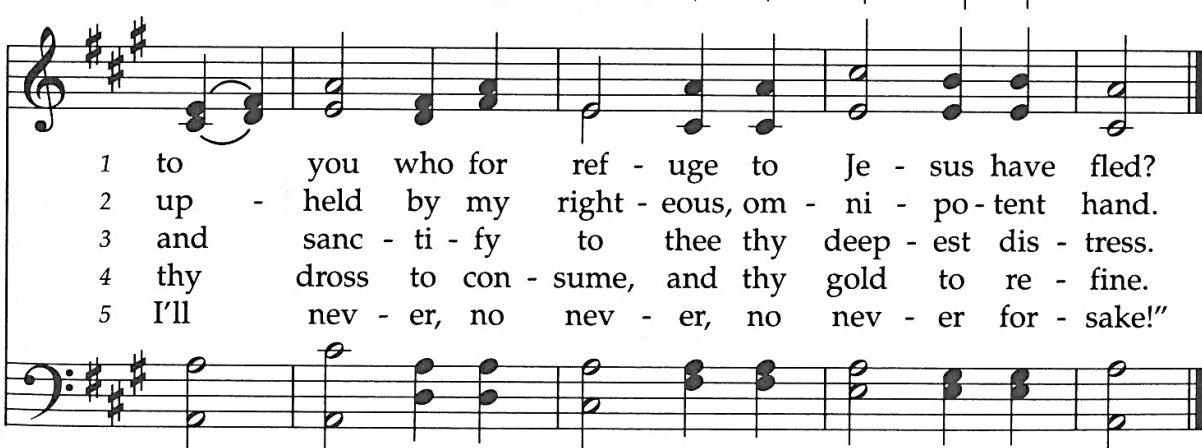
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



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




1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 The flame shall not hurt thee. I on - ly de - sign
5 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,





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


Praise Song – 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus – HWB #340



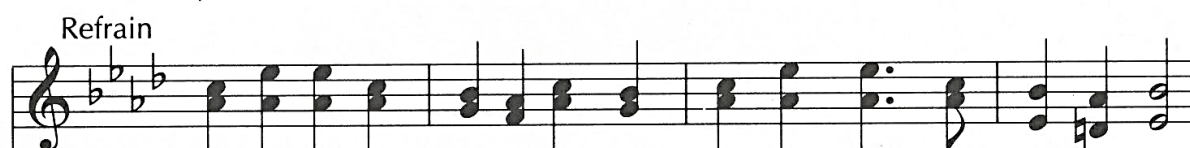
1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je-sus, and to take him at his word,
2 Oh, how sweet to trust in Je-sus, and to trust his cleans-ing blood,
3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je-sus, and from sin and self to cease,
4 I'm so glad I learned to trust you, prec-ious Je - sus, Sav-ior, Friend,





just to rest up - on his prom-ise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal-ing, cleans-ing flood.
just from Je - sus sim-ply tak - ing life, and rest, and joy, and peace.
and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.




Refrain



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!



Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

Scripture – Luke 12:13-21 (p. 1617)

Worship Song – *Trust in You* – Lyrics Projected

Moment in Missions – Jubilee Report

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

Communion

Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – *A Matter of Trust* – Pastor Steve

Response Song – *Change My Heart Oh God* – Lyrics Projected

Prayer

***Sending Song - Be thou my vision - HWB #545**

SLAINE TO TO, 9 TO

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
 3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
 5 High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

1 naught be all else to me save that thou art.
 2 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
 3 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 4 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
 5 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 2 Thou my great Fa - ther, thy child may I be,
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
 4 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 5 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 2 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 3 Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 4 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 5 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Cindy Siemens**

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Aug. 3	10:30 a.m.	Communion during Worship
Aug. 5	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
Aug. 6	6:30 p.m.	Community Choir rehearsal at the Methodist Church (for the Old Settlers Community Worship Service)
	8:00 p.m.	Community Praise Team practice at FMC (for the Old Settlers Community Worship Service)
Aug. 10	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship prior to the Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Old Settlers Community Worship Service (no Sunday School that morning)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Old Settlers Community Worship Service will be held in our church on Sunday, August 10. *There will not be any Sunday School that morning and the service will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee and tea will be in Stauffer Hall by 9:30 for anyone who would like to come fellowship beforehand.* For anyone who wants to sing in the community choir for that Sunday's service, the rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. An offering for Neighbors will be taken during the service.

Can You Help Give a Ride? The Care Team is putting together two helpful lists—and you're invited to be part of this ministry of kindness. We're looking for people who would be willing to: 1) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment when needed and/or 2)

Offer a ride to church on Sundays for someone in your area. If you're willing to help with one—or both—there's a sign-up sheet in the hall. Even occasional availability can make a big difference. Thank you for being the hands and feet (and wheels!) of Christ in our community.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back, and we are joining the challenge! School kits provide essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. MCC hopes to provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. Items to include in the kit: **4 spiral notebooks** (70 pages each); **8 new, unsharpened pencils**; **1 ruler** (flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm); **12 colored pencils** (in original packaging); **1 large eraser**; **4 new blue or black ballpoint pens**; **1 small, all-metal pencil sharpener**. Bring your items and place them in the box under the coat racks. We will dedicate all the school kits on Christian Education Sunday on September 14.

WDC's Summer Story Days concludes this Saturday, August 9, with the final event of the summer. Join WDC Resource Library staff from 2-5 p.m. for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Story Days is held at the WDC Resource Library. Contact Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org for more information.

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 (located on the table at the back of the sanctuary) 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!

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

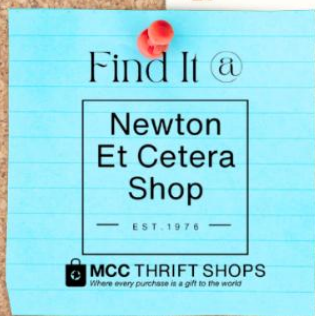
- Pray for Jason and Lauren Mueller and their families with the passing of Lauren's father.
- Pray for Anna Lee as she recovers from some fractured bones. May she heal quickly and be more comfortable.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for congregation members, delegates, families and guests gathering next weekend for WDC 2025 Annual Assembly! Pray for God's Spirit to enliven our worship, discernment, fellowship and learning around the theme Anabaptism@500: Faithfulness Then and Now.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the youth of First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, as they begin a week-long Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for the participants as they learn about the realities of migration at the Mexico-United States border and the justice that Jesus is calling them to.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Kristin Burckhart, Maranda Whorton, Eli Wilcox
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Cindy Siemens
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Birthday	\$6.00
Care Portal	\$100.00
Church Budget	\$2,047.32
MCUSA	\$50.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	59
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Marilyn Mueller, Lauren Mueller, Josie Whorton



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