



# **Halstead Old Settlers Community Worship Service**

August 10, 2025

*We praise and thank you, God,  
for the opportunity to worship  
together as the Body of Christ.  
Open our hearts to you,  
and to one another.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* - Anna Laura Page

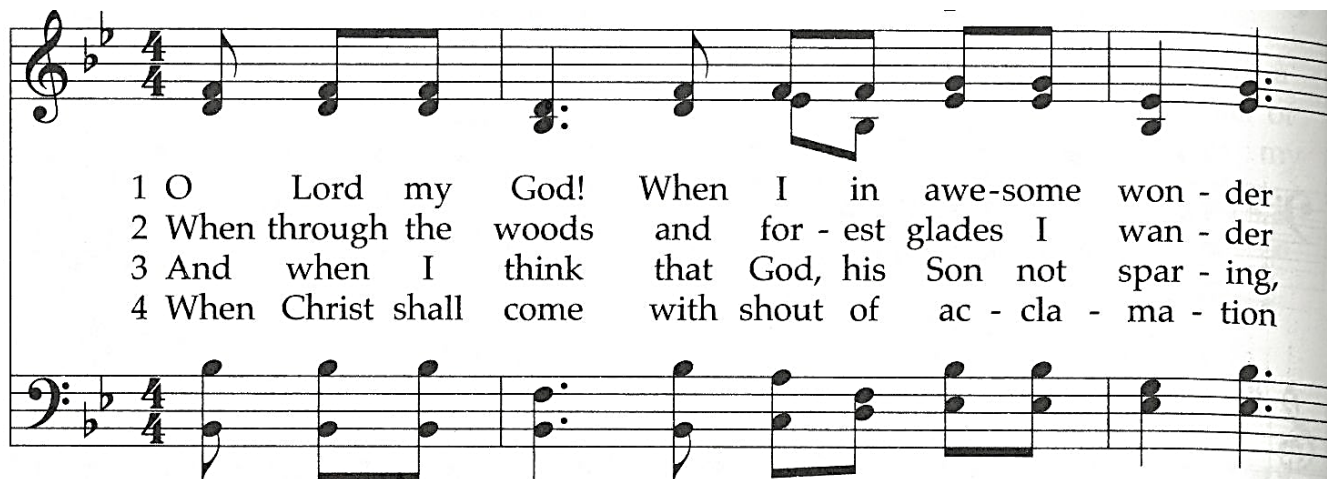
**Welcome and Announcements** - Pastor Steve Wilcox, First  
Mennonite Church

**Centering/Special Music** – Bethany Baptist Singers

**\*Call to Worship** - Pastor Steve Wilcox

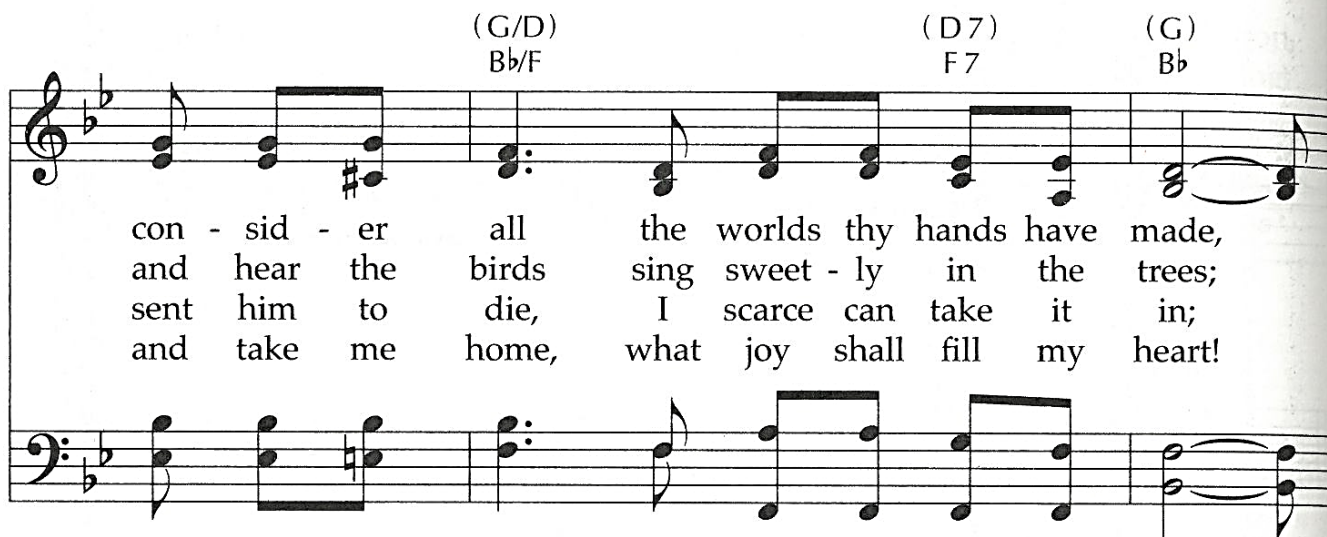
**\*Praise Song** – *Holy Spirit* – Lyrics Projected

# Praise Song – How Great Thou Art – VT #436



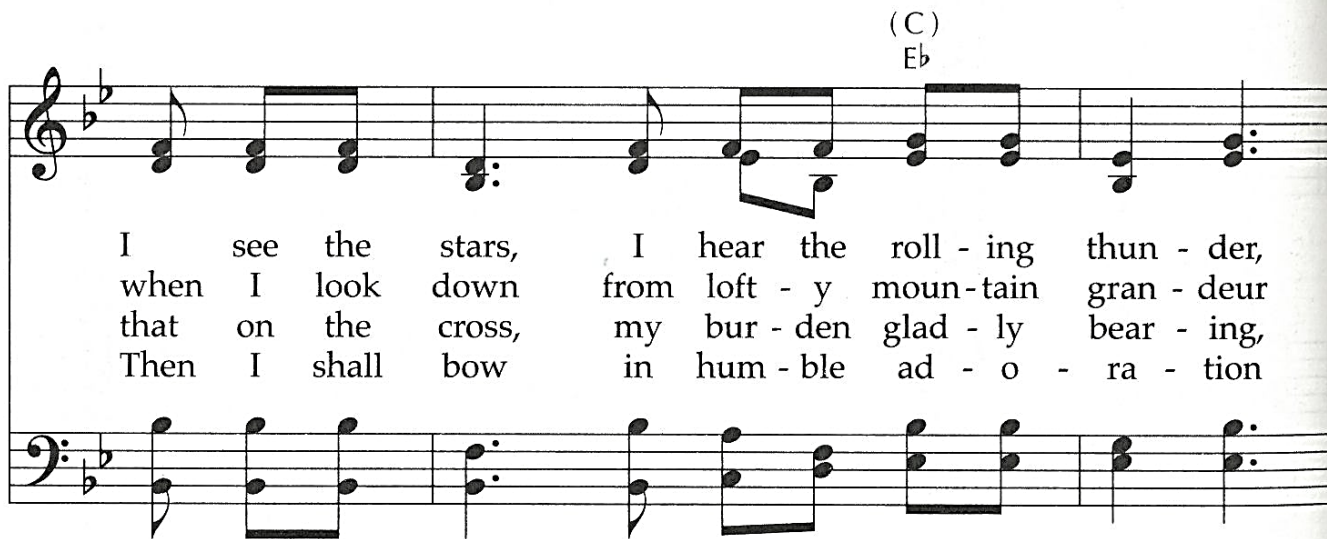
1 O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

(G/D) (D7) (G)  
 Bb/F F7 Bb



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

(C)  
 Eb



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze:  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin:  
 and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

(C) Eb (G) Bb (D7) F7

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou

(G) Bb (C) Eb

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

(G) Bb (Am7) Cm7 (D7) F7 (G) Bb

thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

**Scripture** – John 13:34-35 (p. 1675)

Pastor Ron Jones, Bethany Baptist Church

**Children's Time** – Melanie Haspels

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

## Worship Song – A Mighty Fortress – VT #421

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark  
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en  
4 That Word be - yond all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to

nev - er fail - ing. Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of  
would be los - ing, but there is one who takes our side, the  
to un - do us, we trem - ble not, for God has willed that  
them, is sound - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, by

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who that may be:  
truth will tri - umph through us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage  
God's good grace a - bound - ing. Lay down all earth - ly fame,

does seek to work us woe with craft and cun - ning great, and  
Christ Je - sus, it is he! The Lord of hosts by name, from  
and fierc - est war en - gage, such wrath we can en - dure, for  
wealth, fam' - ly, life, and name. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate; on earth there is no e - qual.  
age to age the same. None else can win the bat - tle.  
e - vil's doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall end it.  
truth will tri - umph still. God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

**Worship Song** – *Goodness of God* – Lyrics Projected

**Offering & Offertory** – Neighbors Store  
Community Choir, directed by Ron Chronister

**Message** – *Love One Another* – Pastor Cynthia M. Smart  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Halstead

**Response Song** – *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* –  
Lyrics Projected

**Prayers of the People** – Pastor Tony D'Olio, Halstead Bible  
Fellowship

**\*Sending Song** – *Build Your Kingdom Here* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction** – Pastor Steve

**\*Postlude** – Kent Dick  
*Praise to God, Immortal Praise!* - Wagner

\*Please stand if you are able

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Aug. 13    7:00 p.m.       Praise Team practice

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**The Grant Recipient sign in the church yard** is for the grant that VBS received from the Halstead Community Foundation. The grant helps provides supplies for Imagination Station and the Bible Buddies that are sent home each day with each child. We are thankful for the Foundation's support of the VBS program!

**The 2025 - 2026 school year is about to begin!** With contributions from Halstead congregations, the Interfaith Council has donated \$2135 to the Halstead / Bentley School District for school supplies for families in need. Every year we hear from the School District how important this donation is and how thankful they are that Halstead congregations care for the students of our schools. Our congregation contributed \$860. A big thank you to all who donated to this important community project.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton.** MCC accepts the following materials for recycling: cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process wearable clothing, shoes and purses/bags. However, it is best to donate those items to an Et Cetera Shop first, if possible. When you arrive at MCC, follow the signs toward the warehouse and you'll find bins outside under the covered roof for each recyclable item. Questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Pray for Jason and Lauren Mueller and their families with the passing of Lauren's father on July 30.
- Pray for a speedy healing for Edith Unruh who fractured her ankle.

- Pray for Lois Loflin's sister, Janice Gingerich, who is dealing with health issues.
- Pray for Carrol Flickinger's niece who has begun chemo for cancer.
- Pray for Sara Dick's sister-in-law, Cindy, who has stage 4 cancer in her brain and back.
- Pray for Jessica Dyck's daughter's grandmother who is fighting cancer.
- Pray for Mick and Mary Bean and their family as they mourn the loss of their son's best friend.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for persons who accepted new nominations or who are continuing in elected leadership roles in WDC, and pray for God's wisdom and joy to guide them in the year ahead.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Seth and Stephany Rudeen hope to begin ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala this month. Pray for them as they spend their first months there perfecting their Spanish, before moving on to the Q'eqchi' (Kekchi) Bezaleel Mennonite Educational Center, where they will assist students in learning English and provide tutoring in other core subjects.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Marilyn Mueller, Lauren Mueller, Eli Wilcox
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Kent Dick
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Care Portal	\$50.00
Church Budget	1,700.00
Western District Conference	806.00
<b>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</b>	55
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Scholarship Fund
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Kaitlen Ortman, Jason Mueller, Emmit Jacob