

# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

August 24, 2025

*As we prepare to worship, Lord  
let us truly see those next to us,  
that we may be your hands and  
feet in their time of need.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick

*Come, Ye Disconsolate* – Dale Wood

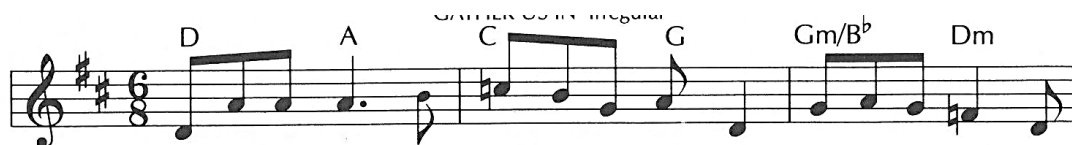
**Welcome and Announcements** - Ruth Mueller

**Centering Music** – Kent Dick

*Cleanse Me* – arr. John Innes

**\*Call to Worship**

# \*Praise Song – Here in this place – HWB #6



1 Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young – our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old – who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a - way. See, in this space, our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way, but here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the King-dom, now is the day.



Gath-er us in - the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in - the  
 Gath-er us in - the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in - the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in - and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in - and

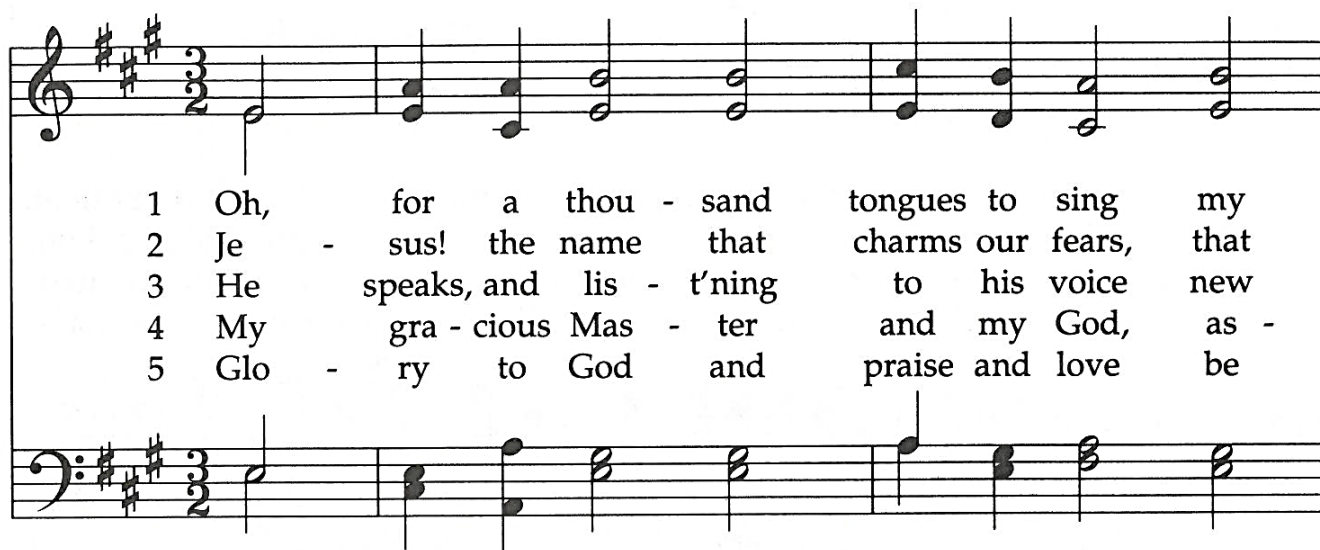


blind and the lame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own. Gath - er us in - all peo-ples to - geth - er,

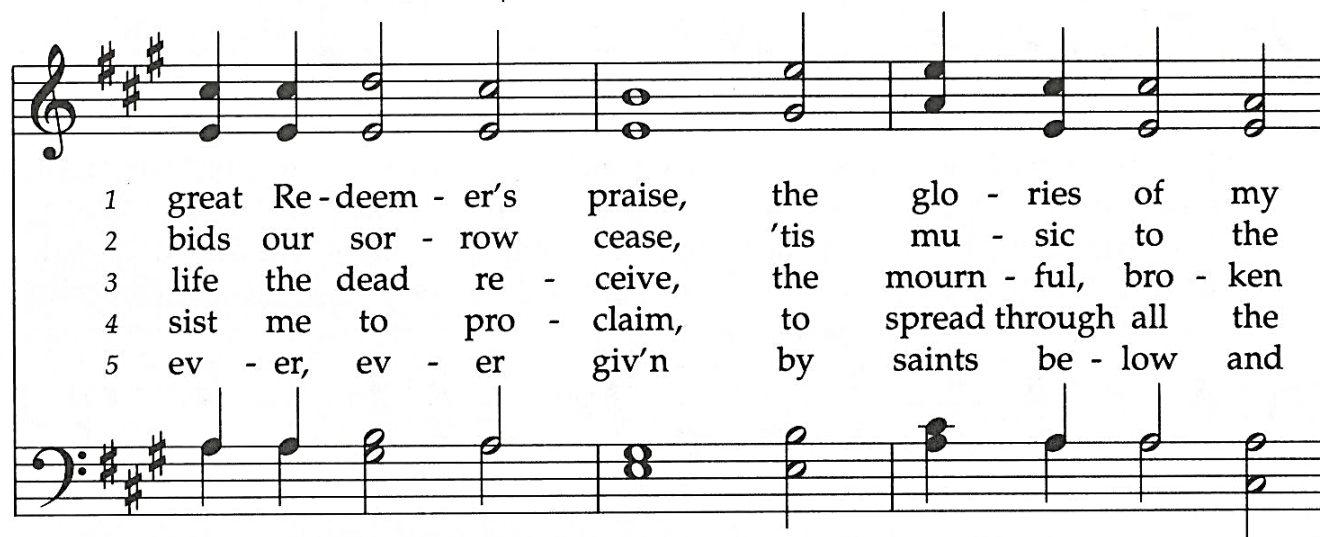


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

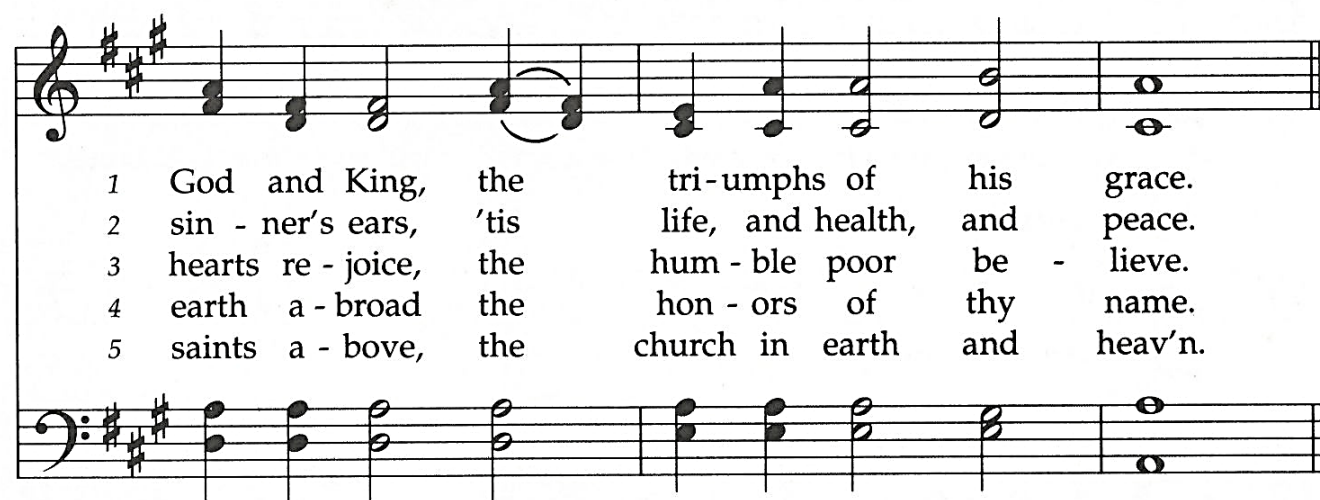
# Praise Song – *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* – HWB #110



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
3 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice new  
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
5 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be



1 great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
2 bids our sor - row cease, 'tis mu - sic to the  
3 life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
4 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
5 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and



1 God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
2 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
3 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
4 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
5 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

**Offering & Offertory – MC USA**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee – Anna Laura Page*

**Scripture – Luke 13:10-17 (p. 1620)**

**Children's Time – Casey Jacob**

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

**Worship Song – My God is All I Need/My God is So Big – Lyrics  
Projected**

**Worship Song – Wonderful, Merciful Savior – Lyrics Projected**

**Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Steve**

**Message – Compassion That Sees – Pastor Steve**

# Response Song – Healer of our every ill – HWB #377

Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, Light of each to - mor - row,

F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm Em<sup>7</sup> F#<sup>7</sup> G Em A D Fine

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m/A G

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F# G Bm A/C# G/B A D.C.

peace and glad - ness. Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er. Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

## Prayer

**\*Sending Song** – *Hosanna* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Kent Dick

*Fill His Courts with Praise* – Van Woert

\*Please stand if you are able

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Aug. 27	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team practice
Aug. 28	1:00 p.m.	Care Ministry meeting
Aug. 31	12:00 p.m.	Last Sunday Potluck

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The September/October issue of The Upper Room** is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**The latest letter from Phano Dopphoopa** has been posted on the bulletin board.

**The next Care Ministry meeting will be** Thursday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Sunday is our first Last Sunday Potluck** and we invite you to invite a friend, bring a dish or two to share, and join us for a meal and fellowship following the morning service. See you there!

**The first Kids Club meeting for the fall will be Wednesday,** September 3, from 5-6 p.m. Kids Club will meet on Wednesdays for 8 weeks, with the last night being Oct. 22. If you know someone with kids aged 3 through 6th grade, encourage them to join us. Contact Kaitlen or Melanie with any questions.

**The new Sunday School year begins in two weeks on September 7** and is the day that any kids who have turned 3 or are entering Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th or 9th grades will move to their new classrooms. Adult classes often begin a new study. If you're

not plugged into a Sunday School class, the beginning of a new term is a great time to start!

**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.

**August 29 is the due date for registering** for Western District Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 6 & 7. Register and pay online at [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org) or print out the registration form online and send in your payment to the address on the form. GIRLS AGE 8 and up are welcome to attend with an adult.

**WDC Mustard Seed grants are back!** Does your congregation have a great idea for how to reach out to your neighbors, but are low on funds? Apply for a Mustard Seed grant. See the link <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-mustard-seed-grant/>. The WDC Resource Commission would love to support your great ideas that may ultimately help plant seeds of faith!



**Bethel College Updates:** Adults 60 and over are invited to attend Bethel College Life Enrichment this fall from August 27 to November 19 on Wednesday mornings in the Krehbiel Auditorium. The fall schedule has been released and is available on the table in the foyer. **Fri., Aug. 29** – “Decorator,” works by Jordan Buschur, opens in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Give thanks for a successful surgery for Debbie this past week. Pray for healing and patience as she begins the journey of rest and recovery.
- Pray for Brad Rodenberg as he is experiencing back pain and is awaiting an appointment to get help. Pray for healing and relief for him.
- Pray for Delton as he recovers from a shoulder procedure this week.
- Western District Conference: Pray for youth and children and their families, and for mentors, sponsors and teachers in WDC congregations, they begin a new school year.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Austin Roberts, who is completing his doctoral dissertation on youth and the church. Pray that he will have the time he needs to prepare to defend his dissertation, while also overseeing the kitchen and mentoring participants with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Marilyn Mueller, Sara Smoker, Kalyn Ortman
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Kent Dick
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Church Budget	\$4,175.00
MC USA	200.00
Scholarship Fund	1,240.00
Western District Conference	200.00
<b>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</b>	84
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Church Budget
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Casey Jacob, Ruth Mueller, Megan Ortman