

# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

August 31, 2025

*Come as you are — weary or joyful, hopeful or unsure. Here, in God's house, we are met with grace. May worship today draw us closer to the heart of Jesus and the peace of God's presence.*

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**Gathering Music** – Cindy Siemens

**Welcome and Announcements** - Chuck Haspels  
*August Birthday Offering*

**Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve

**God's Majesty and Sovereignty**

- Psalm 99  
*You Are Exalted* – Lyrics Projected
- Psalm 93  
*Holy Forever* – Lyrics Projected

**Offering and Offertory** – Church Budget

**Lament and Supplication**

- Psalm 5  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* – VT #610
- Psalm 30  
*Beautiful Things* – VT #551

# Song – Precious Lord, Take My Hand – VT #610

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the  
 when my life is al - most gone, hear my  
 and the day is past and gone, at the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
 cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
 riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

(G) (D7/F#) (Em) (A9) (D) (D7)  
 Ab Eb7/G Fm Bb9 Eb Eb7

(G) (D7/A) (G7) (Am/C) (C) (C#dim)  
 Ab Eb7/Bb Ab7 Bbm/Db Db Ddim

(G) (D7) (G)  
 Ab Eb7 Ab

# Song – Beautiful Things – VT #551



1 All this pain. I won-der if I'll ev - er find my way; I  
 2 All this earth. Could all that is lost ev - er be found; 7  
 3 All a-round, hope is spring-ing up from this old ground. 7



won-der if my life could real-ly change at all. to verse 2  
 could a gar-den come up from this ground at all? to refrain  
 Out of cha-os, life is be-ing found in you. to refrain



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of the dust.



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of us. to verse 3  
 to bridge



You make me new, you are mak - ing me new.



You make me new, you are mak - ing me new.

## **Children's Time – Brocia Mueller**

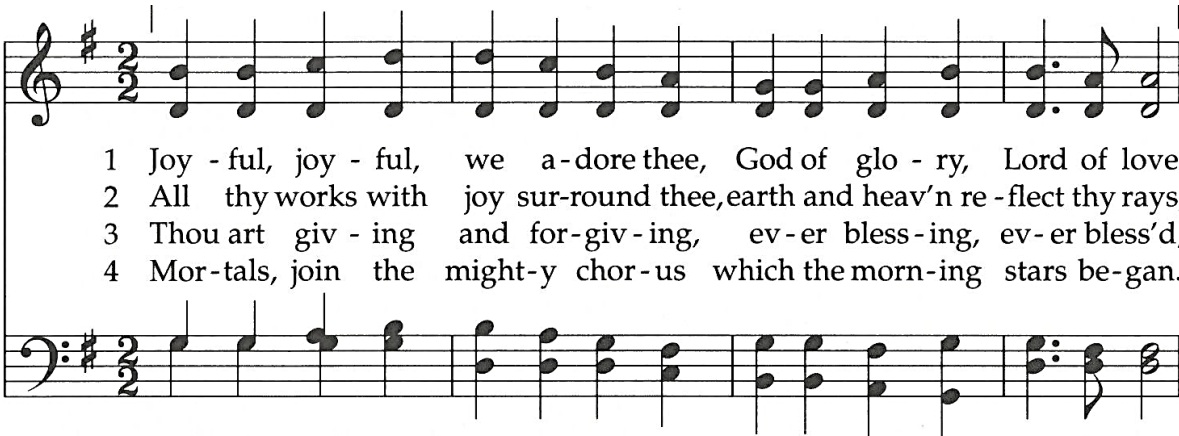
*A nursery is available in the basement for  
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

## **Joy and Thanksgiving**

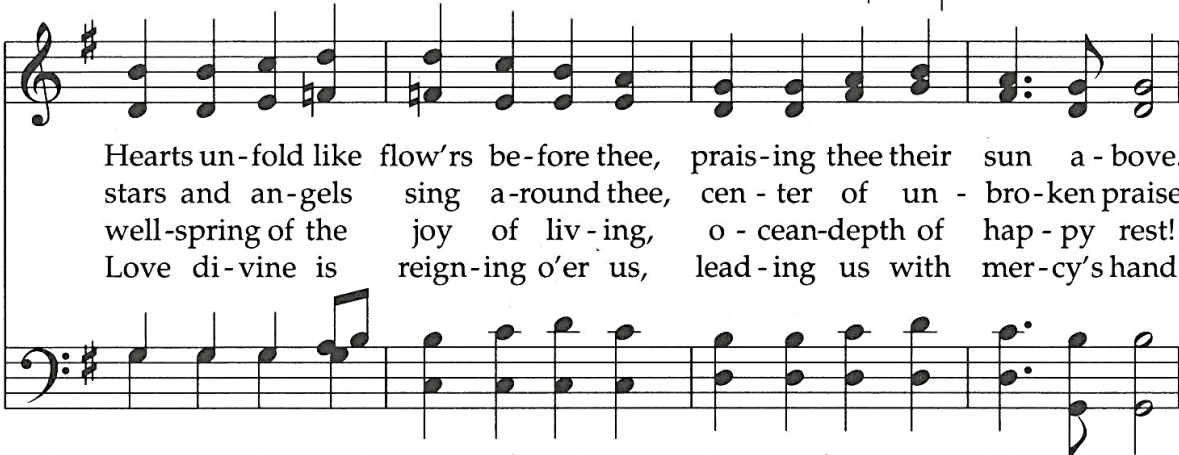
- Psalm 100  
*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee – HWB #71*
- Psalm 23  
*King of Love – Lyrics Projected*



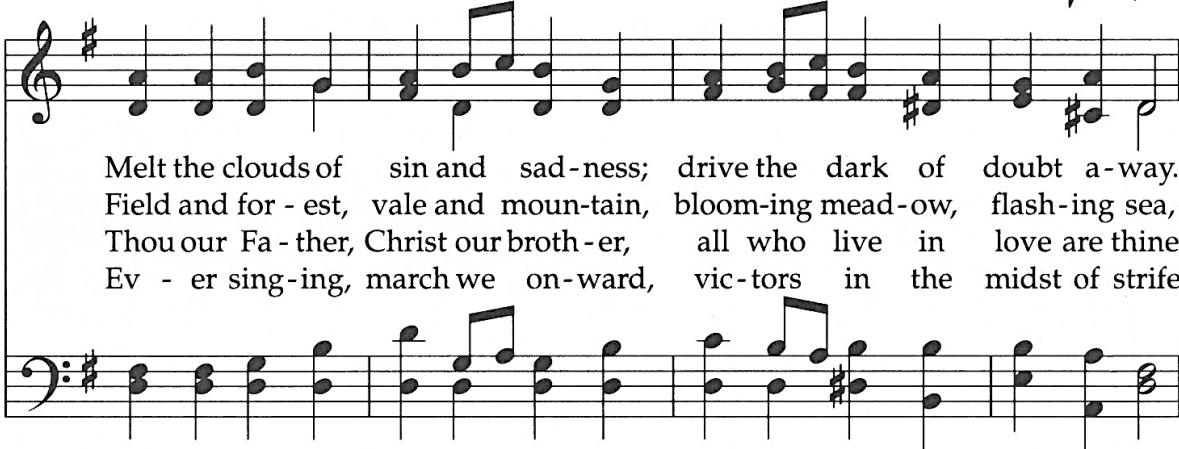
# Song – Joyful, joyful, we adore thee – HWB #71



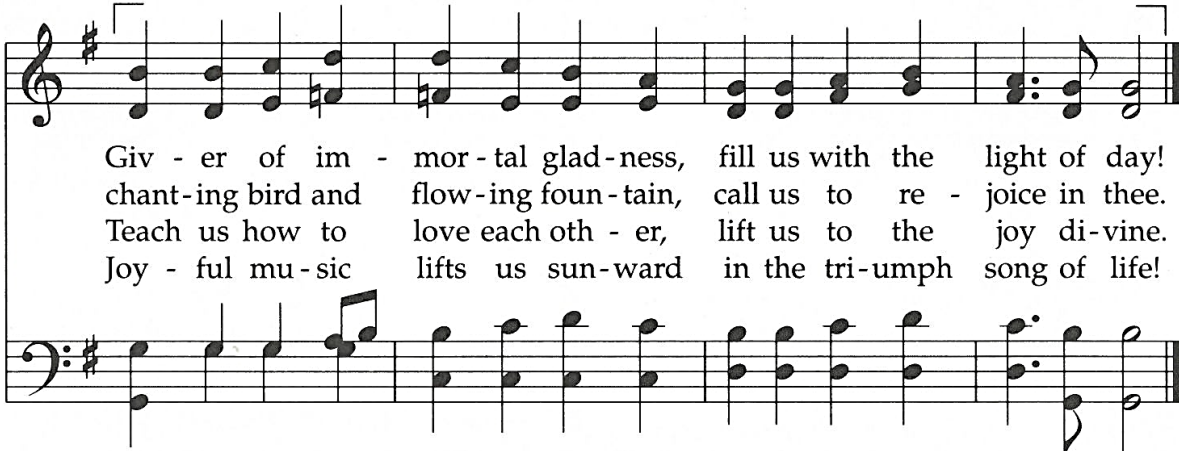
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er bless'd,  
4 Mor - tals, join the might-y chor-us which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee their sun a - bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, lead-ing us with mer-cy's hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine.  
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.  
Joy - ful mu-sic lifts us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life!

## **Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Steve**

### **Worship and Praise**

- Psalm 42  
*My God Is All I Need* – Lyrics Projected
- Psalm 148  
*All creatures of our God and King* – Lyrics Projected  
(HWB #48, verses 1, 3, 2, 7)

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude – Cindy Siemens**

\*Please stand if you are able

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### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sept. 2	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
Sept. 3	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Club Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team practice

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us after worship today for our first Last Sunday Potluck.**

All are welcome to join regardless of whether you brought a dish or not. Come enjoy fellowship with one another!

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

**Save the Dates!** Adult Bible study will begin Sept. 17, the Hog Roast will be Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m. and the Mission Supper will be Nov. 15.

**The first Kids Club meeting for the fall will be this 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade, encourage them to join us. Contact Kaitlen or Melanie with any questions.

**The new Sunday School year begins next week on September 7** and is the day that any kids who have turned 3 or are entering Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will resume meeting in two weeks** on September 14 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the church. Junior High is for students in grades 6-8 and Senior High is for students in grades 9-12. Youth group meetings are typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Plan to join and bring a friend!

**All women are invited to participate in a Women's Bible Study** that will begin meeting on September 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting times are typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God* will be used for the Bible study and includes video teachings and a workbook for personal study. We are working on securing funds to provide the workbooks for each participant, so please let Kaitlen or Melanie know if you're interested so we know how many books to order.

**MCC's School Kit Challenge is back, and we are joining the challenge!** 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 Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet** will be held on October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Musical

entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org).

**Bethel College Updates: Sat., Sept. 6** – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping). **Fri., Sept. 12** – Bethel College music faculty recital, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel with a reception to follow. **Now through Sept. 25** in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “Decororator,” works by Jordan Buschur. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Continue to pray for Debbie Nightingale as she recovers from back surgery.
- 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 Klassen as he recovers from a recent shoulder procedure.
- Western District Conference: We pray for protection, wisdom, courage, strength and blessings for our church planters and those who support this work as they build faith communities in difficult times.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world, which offers diverse medical specialties and advanced technologies across multiple campuses. Pray that MCH’s commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities will continue to offer well-being to all of Taiwan’s people.



## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

### **NURSERY TODAY**

Ruth Mueller, Tia Regier, Megan Ortman

### **PIANIST/ORGANIST**

Cindy Siemens

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Church Budget	\$2,480.00
Habtom & Heather Kebede Ministry	225.00
MCUSA	952.00
Scholarship Fund	75.00
Senior High Youth Group	225.00
Western District Conference	40.00

### **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

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### **OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

Western District Conference

### **NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Jason Smoker, Raquel Wilcox, Josie Whorton