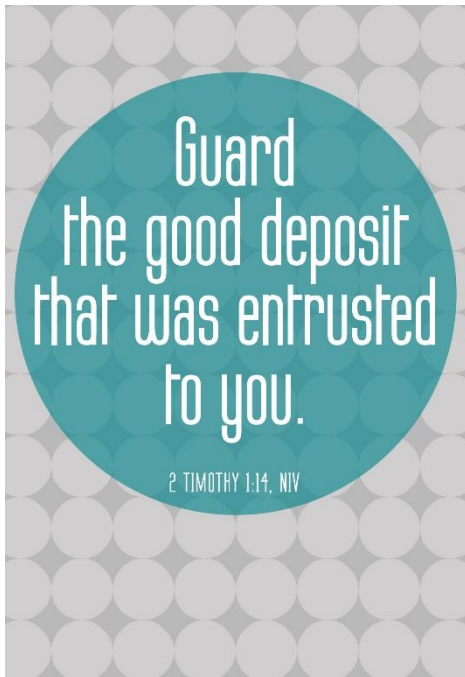




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

July 26, 2026

Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy.

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

"Holy Is the Lord" with

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" – Carol Tornquist

Welcome and Announcements - Melanie Haspels

Birthday Blessing and Offering

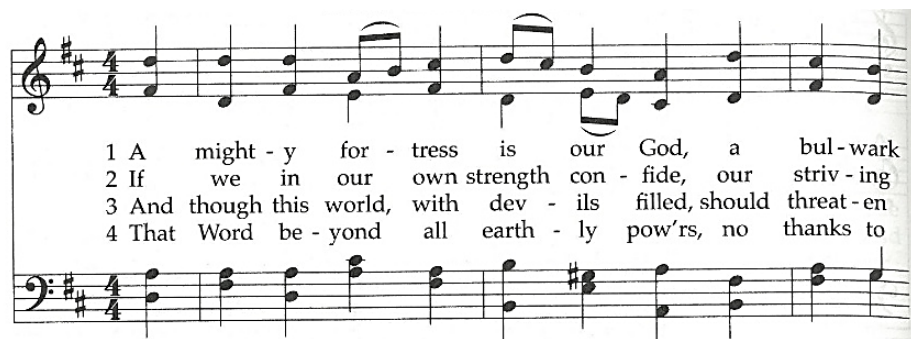
Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

"Breathe" with "Fill Me Now" – Carol Tornquist

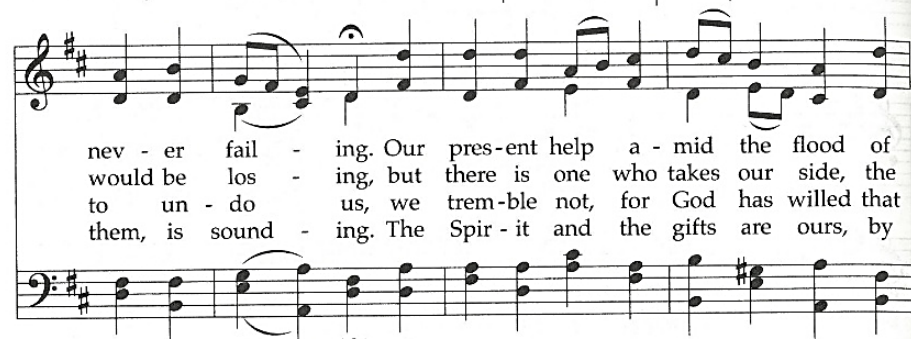
***Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve

***Worship Through Singing – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

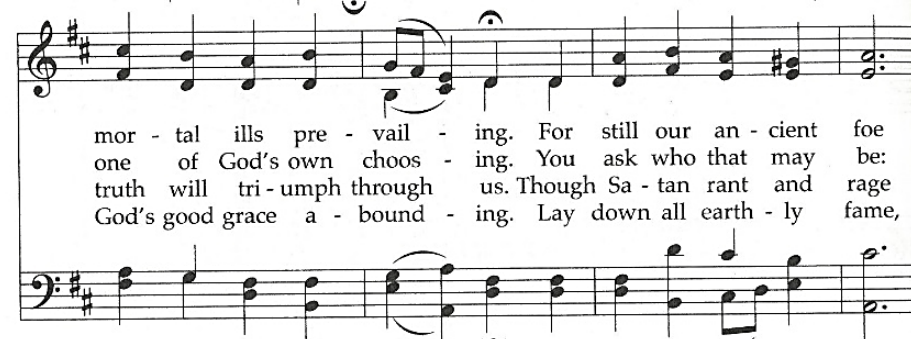
– VT #421



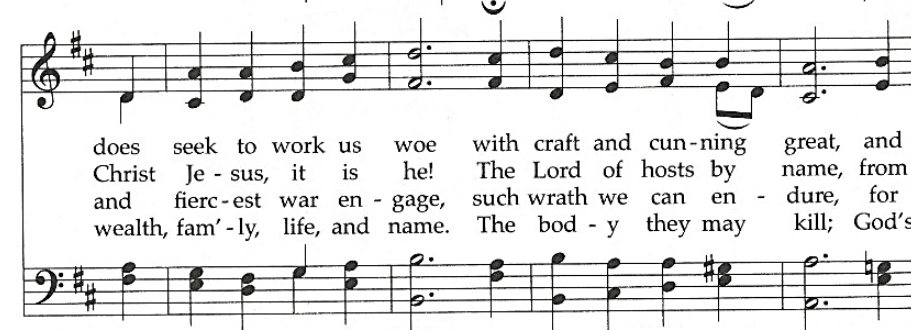
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en
4 That Word be - yond all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to



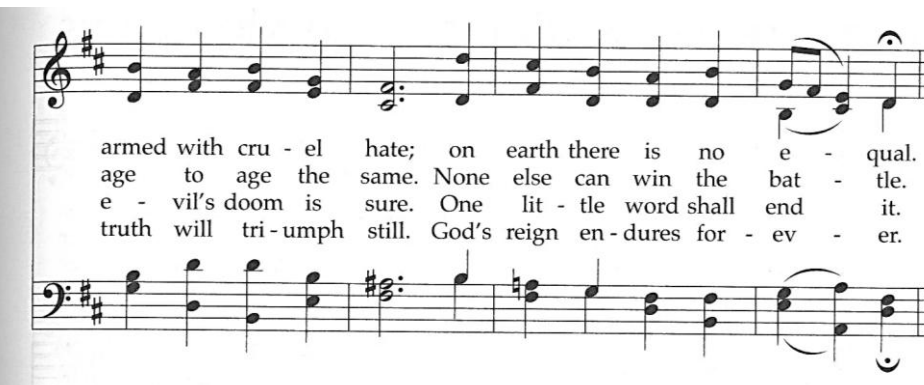
nev - er fail - ing. Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of
would be los - ing, but there is one who takes our side, the
to un - do us, we trem - ble not, for God has willed that
them, is sound - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, by



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 Through Singing – *When Peace like a River* – VT

#617

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 Re - deemed! Oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought: My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole—is nailed to his cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound, and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well _____ It is well _____ with my soul, _____ with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

(A m) Bbm (D) Eb (G) Ab (C) Db (F) Gb
 (D m) Ebm (G) Ab (C) Db (G) Ab (C) Db
 (G) Ab (G7) Ab7 (C) Db
 (F) Gb (C/G) Db/Ab (G) Ab (C) Db

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" with

"I Will Sing of the Mercies – Carol Tornquist Cindy Siemens

Scripture – 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (p. 1852-83)

Children's Time – Melanie Haspels

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

Worship Through Singing – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* – VT #203

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure.
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way.
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op'n - ing day.
still be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Soprano part. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Worship Through Singing – *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* – Lyrics Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Guard the Good Deposit

Response Song – *The Goodness of Jesus* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** - *Give Me Faith* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

"Famous One" with "Praise the Lord!

Ye Heavens Adore Him" – Carol Tornquist

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 26	5:30 p.m.	Swim night at the Halstead Pool
July 28	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
July 31	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry meeting
Aug. 2	10:30 a.m.	Woodward-Breckbill family to speak during the worship service
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to update the directory! If you have added a member to your family or have changes to your address and phone numbers, please let Kaitlen or Melanie know by the end of July. We will print the updated pages in August. If you would like a new photo included, please submit that to Kaitlen (kaitlen.ortman@gmail.com).

The pool party is TONIGHT, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Halstead Pool. Drinks will be provided, please bring a snack to share. Invite a friend to join!

Join us Sunday morning August 2 as we welcome Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, and their family, who will be sharing during Sunday School and the morning message. Our congregation supports Ben and Laurel, who are serving as the directors of the Paris Mennonite Center, working with peace witness ministries. Bring a dish or two as we will have a potluck following the morning service.

There will a community choir that will sing during the Old Settlers community worship service. If you are interested in participating, a practice will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up!

Come and learn how to sew a School Kit bag at the church on Friday, August 7, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fabric will be precut and ready for helpers to iron, sew and string the bags. Sewing bags will be the focus, but there will also be comforters to tie. A light lunch will be provided. Bring your sewing machine if it's easily portable.

The summer Sunday School mission project is Zone 33 Student Ministries. Several of our youth attend regularly on Wednesday nights and it's a great outreach program in our community!

Adults: Join us for Sunday School this summer! A combined adult class will meet in Stauffer Hall June 7 through August 30. Pathfinders will also meet in their basement classroom. The schedule for the combined adult class is below:

- July 26: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 2: FMC supported missionaries – the Woodward-Breckbill family
- Aug. 9: Old Settlers Sunday – NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Aug. 16: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 23: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 30: Fellowship Sunday and class planning.

Buhler Mennonite Church & Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church invite local farmers and ag professionals to Soil & Soul, a gathering for farmers, ranchers and the ag community on Friday, July 31, at Hilton Garden Inn in Hutchinson. There will be coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. with a program and lunch from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information contact bmcpastor@gmail.com or 620-899-8918.

The International Students Club at Bethel College is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. The club has created a registry of needed items; a link to the registry was sent with the bulletin packet. If you would prefer to give financially, donations may be made to Bethel College with “International Students Fund” in the memo line.

Hey Quilters! The KMRS Quilters Corner will accept your quilting supplies year-round for the KMRS sale in 2027. Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282 if you need them picked up.

Pine Village is selling bierocks and taking pre-orders until Aug. 10. You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. Return forms (available on the back table) to Pine Village or order online at the link in our weekly email. Pre-order pick up will be on August 14 from 3-6 p.m. or during the Benefit Day bierock dinner on August 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for \$3.

Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing, Kansas, home church of Doris Janzen Longacre, invites you to join us at 9:45 a.m. on August 2 for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the publication of the *More-with-Less* Cookbook. The celebration service will be followed by a more-with-less inspired potluck. You are welcome to bring your favorite dish from the cookbook to share.

Labor Day Work and Play at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: September 4-7, 2026. Spend your holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreat and help us prepare for the winter to come. In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no

charge for the weekend. Visit the camp website at rmmc.org "Work and Play Retreats" to learn more about the weekend and to register.

Bethel College Update: Sun., July 26 – Premiere of the Kauffman museum short video on the "Unlocking the Past" exhibit, 3 p.m., museum auditorium. **The exhibit of 250-year-old books** (in honor of the U.S. semiquincentennial) that the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College put together can now be viewed at Kauffman Museum through Sunday, Aug. 2. Museum hours are Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m., closed Mondays. Although there is a charge to visit the museum, the display is just inside the front entrance, and there is no charge to view it.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for open hearts in the communities where new congregations are forming, that relationships of peace and hope may grow.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Accra, Ghana, as they launch an initiative to bridge the relationship between French-speaking and English-speaking theological institutions in West Africa.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Michaela Forkenbrock, Marilyn Mueller, Megan Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	\$575.00
Family Night	20.00
Offender Victim	756.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY

70

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Western District Conference

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Ruth Mueller, Raquel Wilcox, Luke Haspels

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @5-31-26	\$11,513.18
June Receipts	\$9,976.04
June Expenses	(\$13,133.01)
Budget balance @6-30-26	\$8,356.21