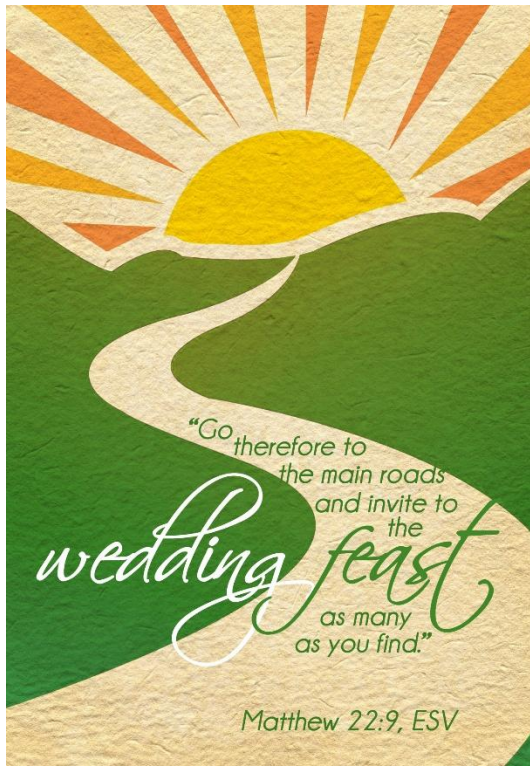




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 11, 2026

*Friends, the King's banquet of life
and love is ready. Receive it and
live! Welcome to worship.*

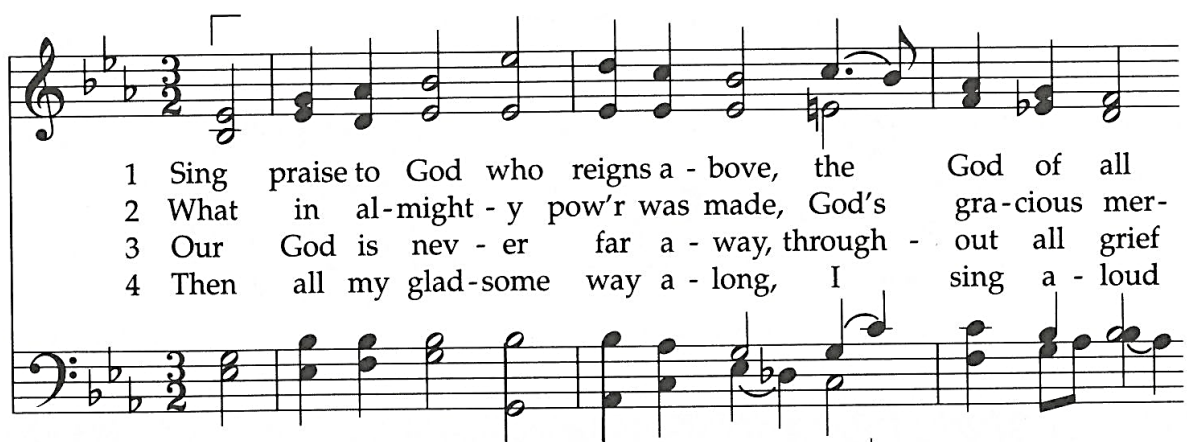
Gathering Music – Kent Dick
Largo in G - George F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements – Chuck Haspels

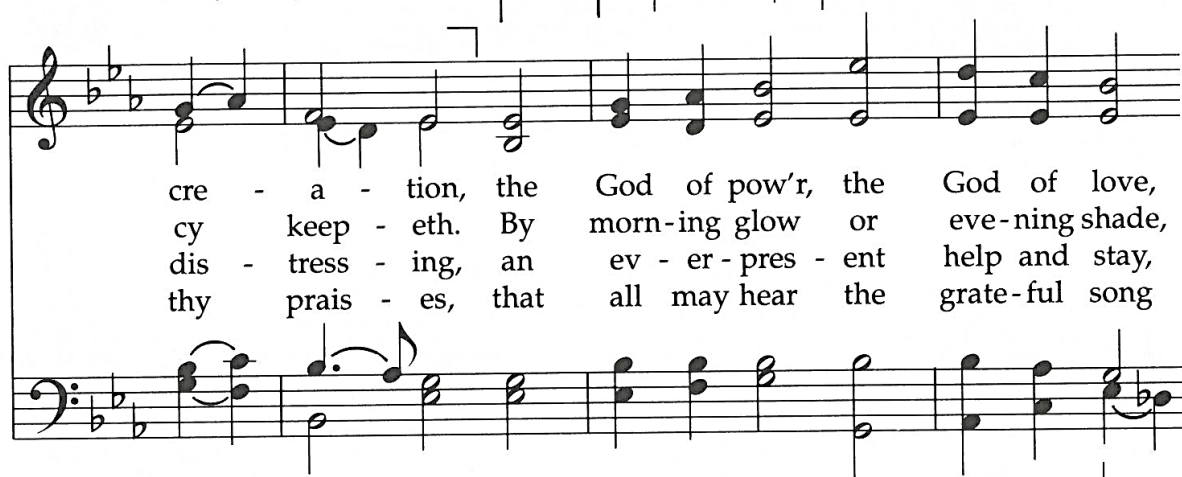
Call to Worship/Centering Music – Kent Dick
The Water Is Wide - Edward Broughton

*Worship Through Singing – *Sing praise to God who reigns –*

HWB #59



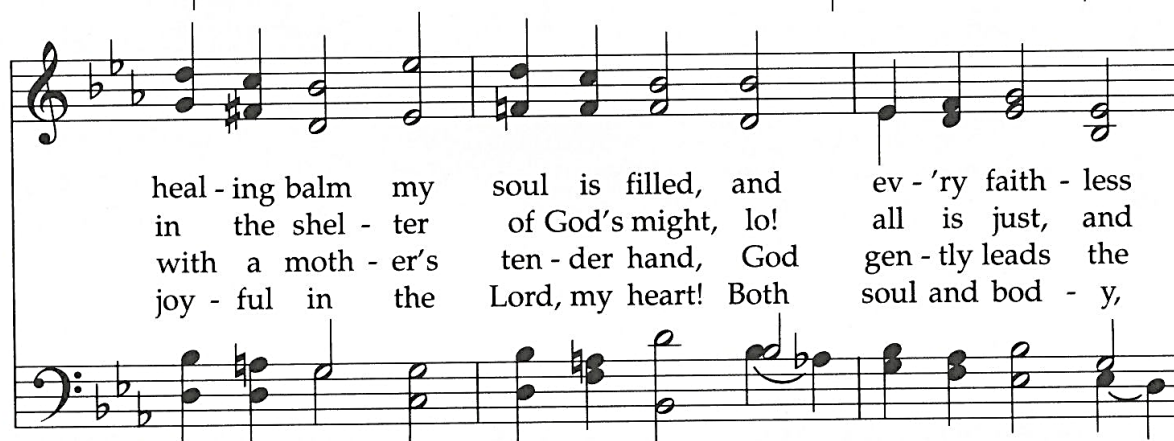
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What in al-might - y pow'r was made, God's gra-cious mer-
 3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, through - out all grief
 4 Then all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth. By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade,
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er-pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate-ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch-ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace, and joy, and bless - ing. As
 my voice un - wear - ied rais - es: Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - 'ry faith - less
 in the shel - ter of God's might, lo! all is just, and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God gen - tly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled.
all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band.
bear your part!

***Worship Through Singing** – *From the Inside Out* – Lyrics Projected

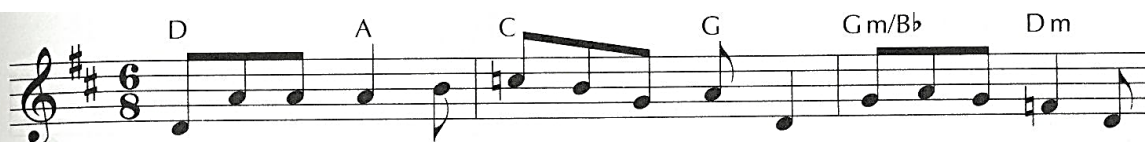
Offering & Offertory – Hog Roast - Mission

Jesus, At Your Holy Table – Gilbert Martin

Kent Dick

Scripture – Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 1534)

Worship Through Singing – Here in This Place – VT #10



Worship Through Singing - The Water Is Ready - VT #458

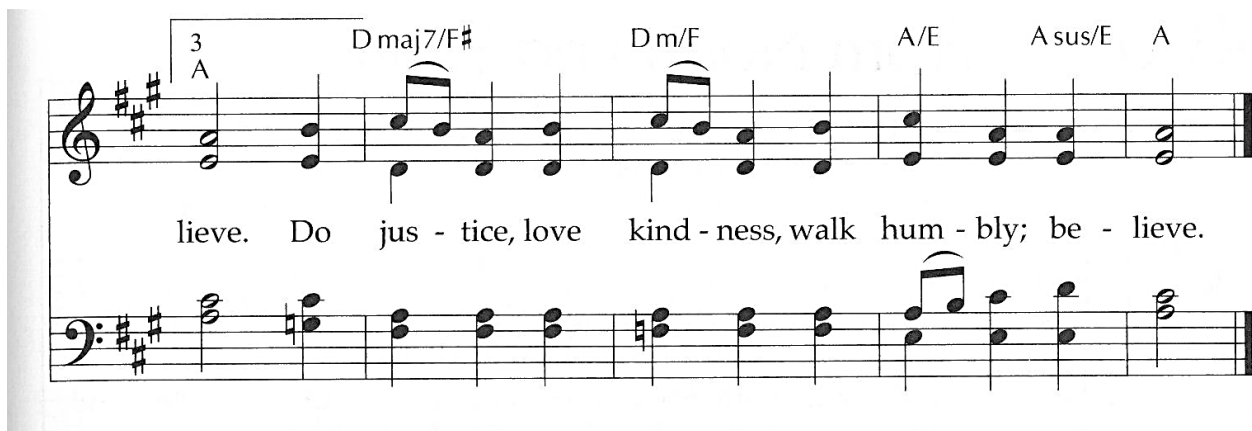
1 The wa - ter is read - y; how can I be worth - y? Yet
 2 The ta - ble is read - y; how can I be wel - come? Yet
 3 A call - ing is read - y; how can I be cho - sen? Yet

God has in - vit - ed, so I will step in. The
 God has for - giv - en, so I will par - take. The
 God is more gra - cious than I can con - ceive. A

wa - ter is wait - ing, and my soul is thirst - y—dried
 ta - ble is spa - cious, and my soul is hun - gry—wine
 call - ing is of - fered, and my soul has heard it: do

out by my wan - d'ring, my striv - ing, my sin.
 poured and bread bro - ken, pre - pared for my sake.
 jus - tice, love kind - ness, walk hum - bly; be -

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Children's Time – Melanie Haspels

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

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

The King's Banquet

Response Song – Come Just As You Are – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song – Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me – Lyrics Projected**

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Kent Dick**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven – Lani Smith

***Please stand if you are able**

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 11	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	3-7:00 p.m.	P & M Pumpkin Ranch Outing
Oct. 14	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Oct. 18	5-7:00 p.m.	Hog Roast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginner Bells will rehearse after church today and play next Sunday, Oct. 11, during the worship service.

FMC is headed back to P&M Pumpkin Ranch today! We have a Campfire Spot reserved from 3-7 p.m., but you are welcome to go earlier. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, s'mores and drinks. Admission is \$19.49 for ages 3 and up; mention First Mennonite to receive 10% off at the gate.

Announcements for next week's bulletin are needed by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Thank you!

Our Annual Hog Roast will be held Sunday evening, October 18, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Scout Park, across from our church. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music from the Schrag Siblings with special guests Ken and Eric. A pulled pork meal with fixings will be provided. Cost by donation - proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Invite friends and neighbors!

Our church needs to provide 5 pies for the Pine Village Benefit Day on Thursday, Oct. 15. A link to a SignUpGenius was sent with the bulletin packet, or you can talk to Sara Dick. Pies need to be delivered to Pine Village by 3 p.m. on Oct. 15.

The congregational review will take place on Sunday, Oct. 25, following the worship service. Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:15 – 9:50 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Focus Groups

12:30 p.m. – Lunch for all in Stauffer Hall

The questions have been placed in your mailbox. If you will be absent on Oct. 25, please fill out the form and return them to Melanie Haspels' mailbox. Please remember to sign up for lunch on the bulletin board so we can adequately prepare food. Childcare will be available during the focus groups. All who call FMC home and are involved in the current life of the church are invited to participate in sharing their thoughts and ideas about the life of our church!

Kids Club will meet every Wednesday until Oct. 21 from 5-6 p.m. Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us as we learn how the disciples began their ministry after Jesus' resurrection. We will dig into the book of Acts this school year.

Pine Village is gearing up for our 2026 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 15. Supper will be served from 5:00–6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. We are excited that this year's auction will feature a car. Auction items will be available for viewing in advance on our website at www.pinevillageks.org. This year's raffle item is an autographed Bobby Witt Jr. baseball in a display case. Gift cards and certificates will also be available for online bidding. All links and auction information can be found on our website.

Bethel College Fall Fest is coming and BCWA welcomes donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls and other home-made goodies. We are happy to have donated craft items to sell as well. We would also welcome help staffing the Market in the Round, located in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about donations, please contact Valerie Klaassen at jvklaassen@gmail.com. Donated baked and craft items can be brought to Luyken Fine Arts Center music library on Friday, October 16, between 1 and 5 p.m. or on Saturday, October 17, between 7 and 9 a.m.

Bethel College Updates: Oct. 14 – 18 – Bethel College Fall Fest. A link to the weekend's schedule was sent with the bulletin packet. **Tues., Oct. 20** – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Dr. Kelly Poquette, director, 7 p.m., Ad Building chapel. **Thurs., Oct.**

22 – The biennial Senses & Aging Symposium, “Charles Bonnet Syndrome,” with presenters Daniel Kish and Jaymes Squires, 6-7:30 p.m., Kidron Hall at

Kidron Bethel Village. **Bethel College is offering a new Math Problem-Solving & Test Prep Series for high school juniors and seniors** looking to prepare for the ACT, build confidence, master new strategies and tackle tough math challenges. Fall dates are Sat., Oct. 10, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. on campus, with different topics and activities each time, led by Bethel math faculty, alumni and current students, and with lunch provided after. There is no cost to attend (one, two or all three) but registration is required. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet.

Hesston College Update: A prints and mixed media exhibit by Newton artist Susan Fox is featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College’s Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from October 1 through 30. A reception with the artist is scheduled for October 14. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free. **Community singers are invited** to join Hesston College for “Let All the People Praise,” an evening of thanksgiving for choir, brass, organ and percussion, featuring John Rutter’s “Gloria.” There will be four rehearsals leading up to the Masterworks concert on November 21 at 7 p.m. Visit hesston.edu/masterworks for more information and details on how to sign up.

Camp Mennoscah Update: The dam is scheduled to be removed on October 18 at 2:30 p.m. Spectators and helpers are welcome. This task involves heavy boards and rushing water, so younger ages should plan on watching the process, not helping. Wear appropriate clothing for the task and weather. Watch Facebook for any changes or text/call 316-293-7313.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Jim Koehn who is experiencing some health issues and is currently in rehab. Pray for peace and comfort for him and his family.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC commissions meeting this month, as they discern the Spirit's leading in equipping ministry leaders, resourcing congregations, accompanying emerging faith communities, and nurturing relationships and resources to support WDC's ministries.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God with Kate Widmer, who serves at La Prairie Church of Montbéliard, France, for a season of rest, as her life and ministry slowed down over the summer. Now that the school year has begun again, pray for stamina to keep up with the increased demands she encounters.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Lauren Mueller, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget Offering	\$3,407.50
Hog Roast	50.00
MCUSA	75.00
Nurture	10.00
Wednesday Supper	157.00
Western District Conference	125.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	82
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Western District Conference
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Marilyn Mueller, Debbie Nightingale, Emmit Jacob