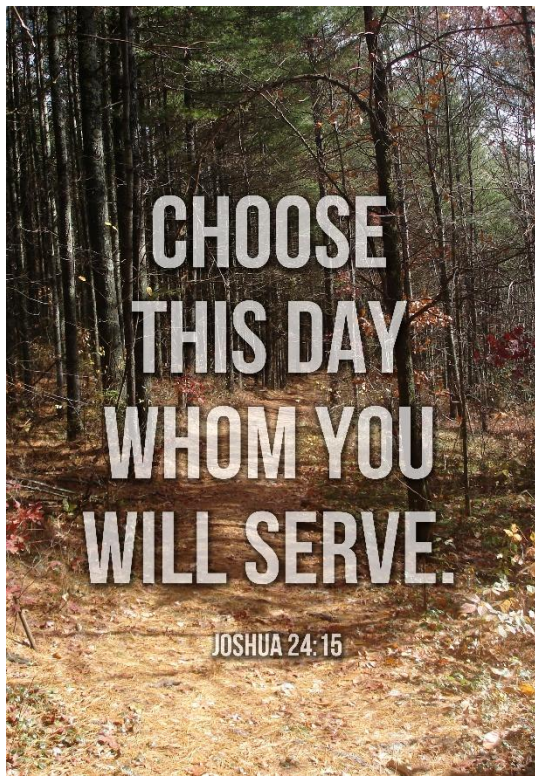




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 18, 2026

*A friendly welcome to each
worshiper! We are pleased to have
each of you here to glorify God
and sing praises to the Almighty.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Casey Jacob

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Ding Dong Dingers
Thine Forever, God of Love - Mary F. Maude

***Worship Through Singing – *How firm a foundation* – HWB**

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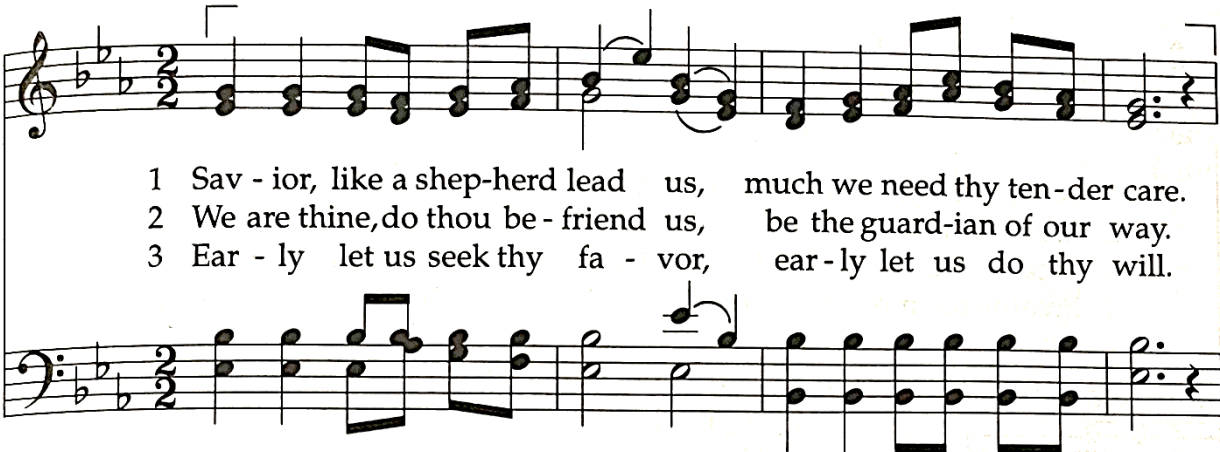
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
2 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
3 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes.

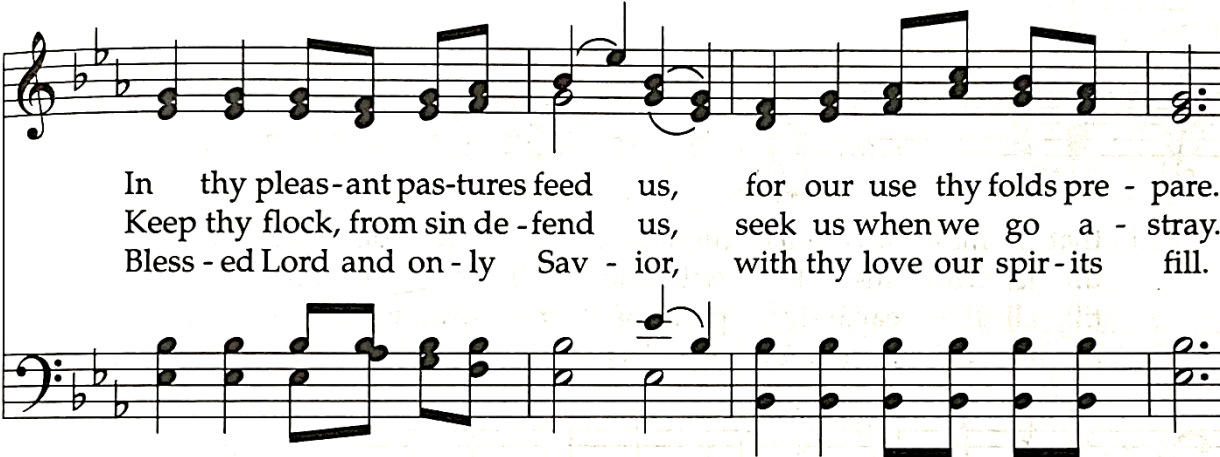
1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 The flame shall not hurt thee. I on - ly de - sign
5 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

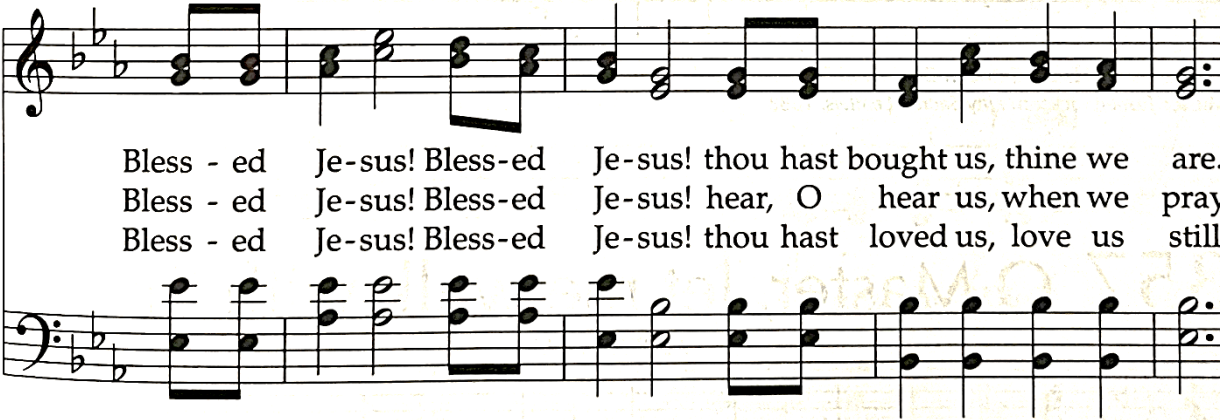
Worship Through Singing – *Savior, like a shepherd lead us –
HWB #355



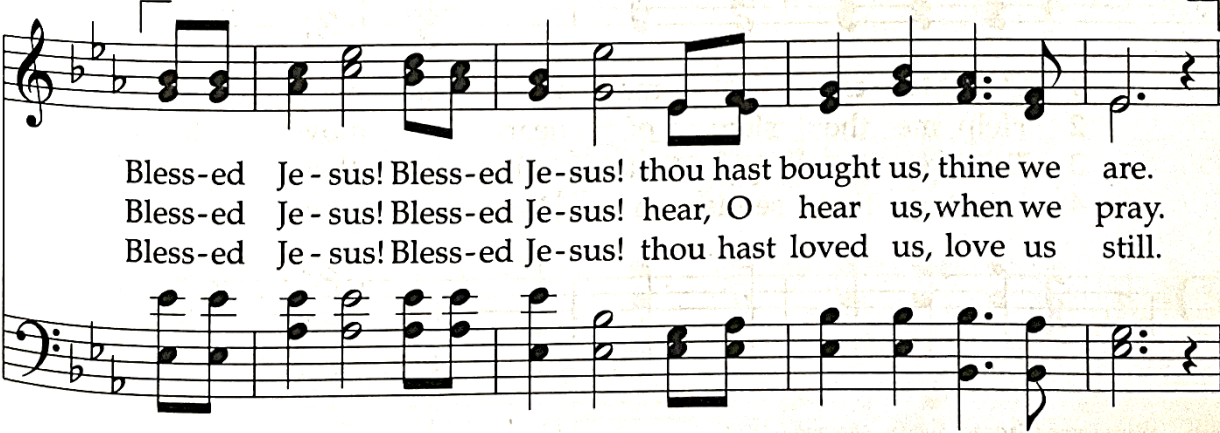
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care.
2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way.
3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will.



In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
Keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! hear, O hear us, when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! thou hast loved us, love us still.



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Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling - Daniel March

Ding Dong Dingers

Scripture – Joshua 24: 1-18 (p. 368-369)

Worship Through Singing – God of Grace and God of Glory – VT #716

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to thy con -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de -

pow'r. Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to
 ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to
 trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and
 plore. Let the search for thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing

fac - ing of this hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 liv - ing of these days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 miss thy king - dom's goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 thee whom we a - dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Worship Through Singing – *The Power of Your Love* – Lyrics Projected

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

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

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Remember, and Then Choose

Response Song – *Goodness of God* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *King of Love* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 18	5-7:00 p.m.	Hog Roast
Oct. 19	7:00 p.m.	Focus Group Training
Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Oct. 21	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Oct. 22	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
Oct. 25	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Focus Groups
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Meat Canning invites volunteers into each part of the canning process, from chopping meat to labeling cans. Talk to Casey about volunteering October 27, 28, and/or 29 or sign up at this link: tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2026 (it was also sent with the bulletin packet). If you would like to support in other ways, consider putting a donation in the offering plate, dropping your old hand towels under the coat rack, or checking the bulletin board for food you can bring for the volunteers. There's a place for everyone!

Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of Just Cause, a fair trade store based in Portland, Oregon, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S Main St, Hesston, KS) for a 2-day event, October 23 & 24 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and so much more from over 30 countries around the world.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church, 43 13th Ave, Inman, KS, invites you to our annual Mission Supper on Saturday, October 24, from 5:00 – 6:30. It will be curbside pick-up with tables available both outside and inside if you want to stay and eat. Please

text or call 620-543-6863 to order a meal of German sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, zwiebach and pie. Cost is by donation with all proceeds going to Safe Hope, an organization that offers healing to domestic violence and sexual assault victims in McPherson, Harvey and Marion Counties.

Bethel College Updates: Tues., Oct. 20 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, “Playfulness and Purpose,” Dr. Kelly Poquette, director, 7 p.m., Ad Building chapel, featuring work by the late Miriam Overholt of Wichita, Jean Sibelius and Benjamin Britten (the Simple Symphony). **Wed., Oct. 21** - Life Enrichment programs in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: 9:30 a.m., “Anabaptist World: 100+ Years of Mennonite Journalism,” Paul Schrag; 10:50 a.m., “The Porcelain Menagerie,” Jillian Forsberg. **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.

Camp Mennoscah Update: The dam is scheduled to be removed today 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. **Camp Mennoscah’s annual meeting** will be combined with their verenike casserole fundraiser on November 7 at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. The verenike casserole meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. If you would like your meal(s) to go, drive-thru begins at 5:00 p.m. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Reservations for meals can be made by calling 620-297-3290 or by using the link sent in the bulletin packet. Cost is by donation with a suggested donation of \$20/meal, \$40/pan.) If you are interested in helping with set-up, serving, or greeting, please reach out to timothy.schrag@campmennoscah.org.

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: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library and the many ways that it enriches discipleship, children's and youth formation, preaching and teaching, spiritual growth and congregational vitality.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Joanne Speigel invited a group of her friends to join her on a Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage, and they accepted. This week, the group will travel to the U.S. South with Mission Network to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement, racism and the ongoing work of racial justice. Pray for them as they learn together and come face to face with the difficult and heartbreaking realities of civil rights in the U.S.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Marilyn Mueller, Debbie Nightingale, Emmit Jacob

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Building Maintenance (Roof Ins. Claim, WDC Tech Grant)	\$28,039.56
Care Committee (Funeral Meal)	912.50
Church Budget	3,665.00
Hog Roast	1,448.90
MCUSA	200.00
Memorial-Jim Loflin	50.00
Wednesday Supper	84.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 79

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY MC USA

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Kaitlen Ortman, Raquel Wilcox, Kalyn Ortman