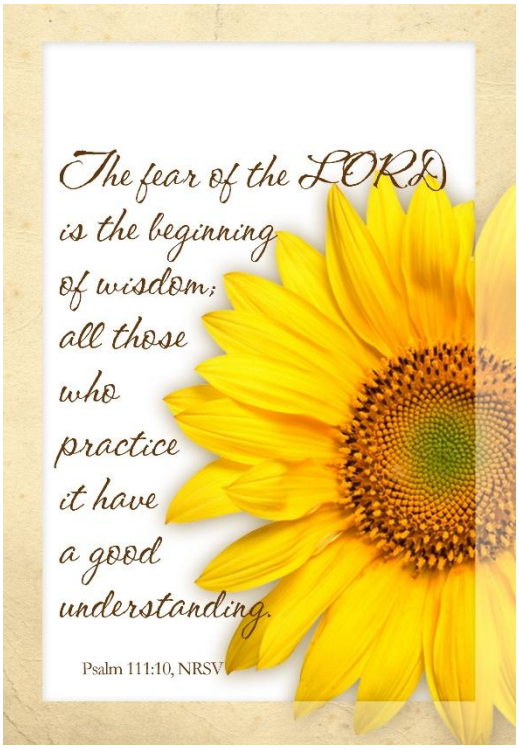


First Mennonite Church of Halstead

November 1, 2026

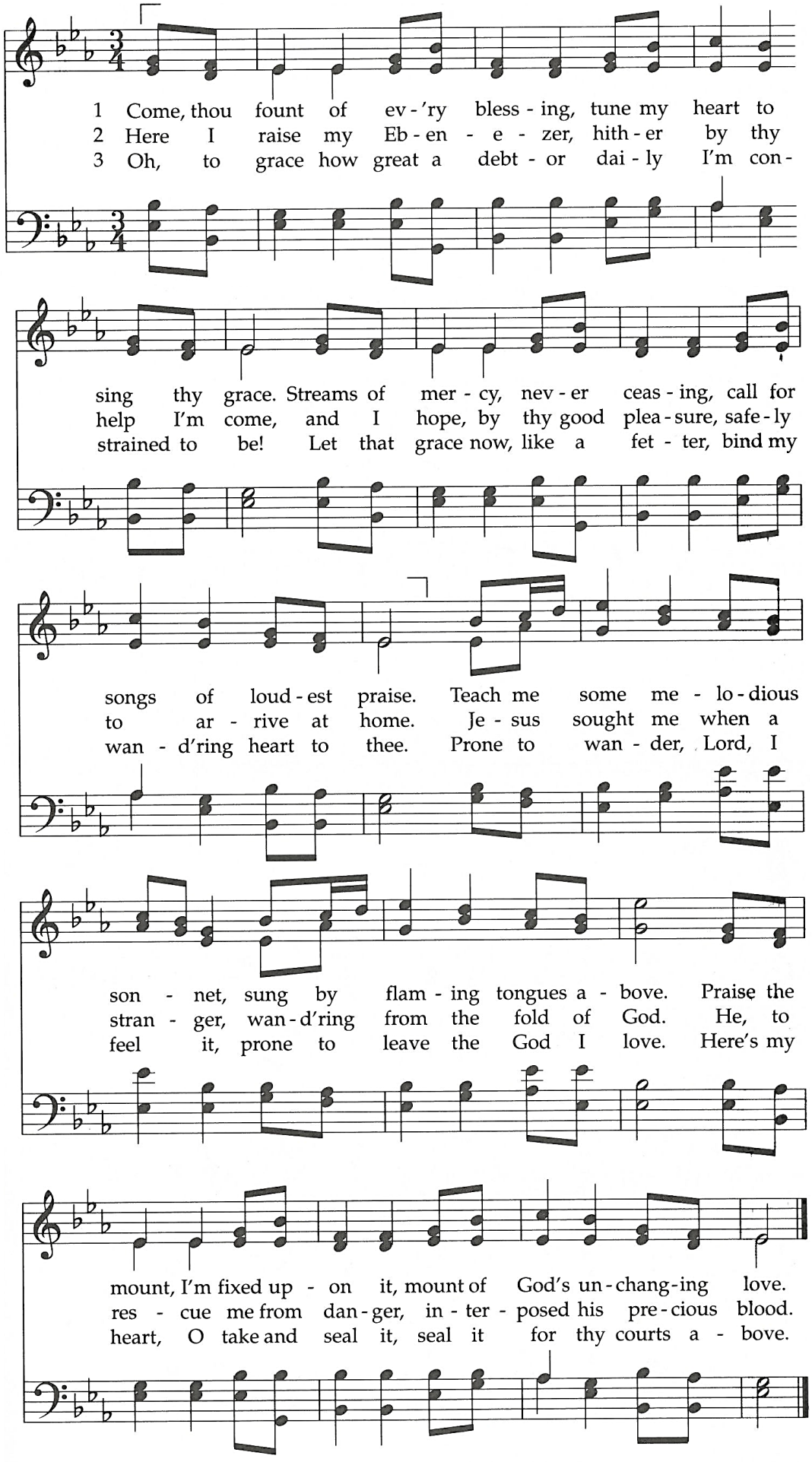
Open our hearts to your Word, O Lord, and renew our faith by your truth. May we worship with grateful spirits and follow Christ with courage, humility and joy.

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

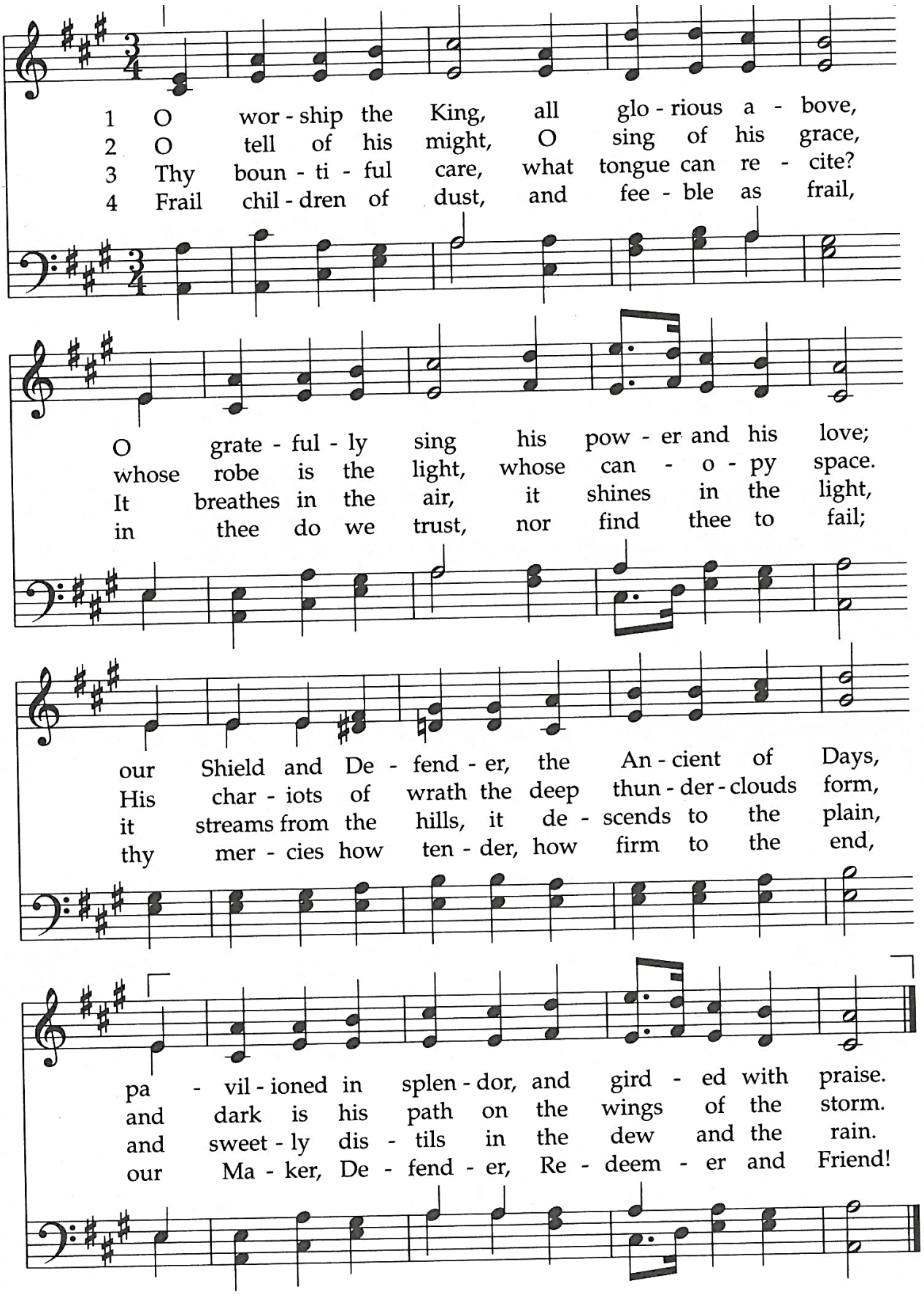
Welcome and Announcements - Amy Buchholz
October Birthday Blessing & Offering

Call to Worship/Centering Music - Cindy Siemens

***Worship Through Singing** – *Come, thou fount* – HWB #521



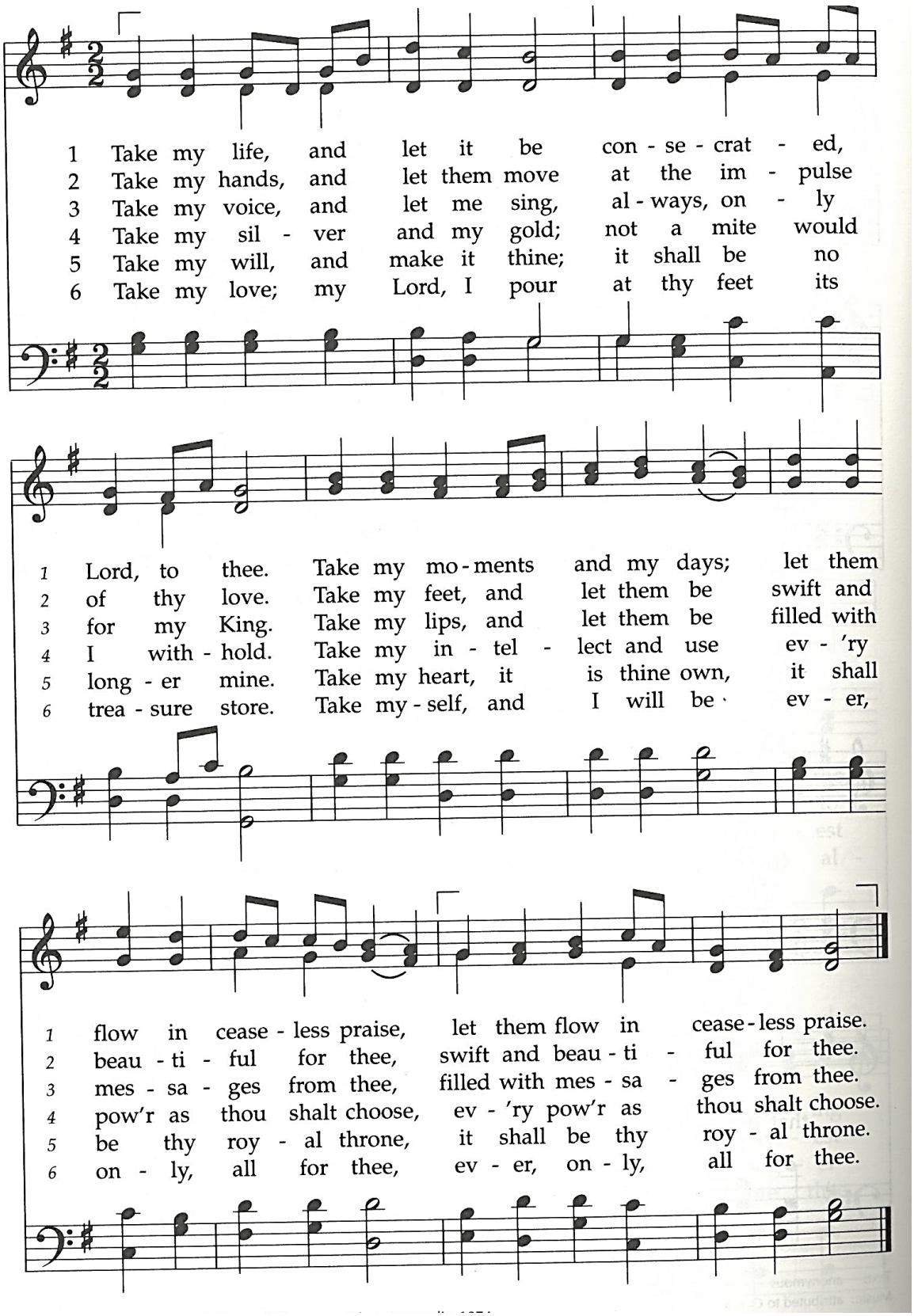
***Worship Through Singing** – *O worship the King* – HWB #66



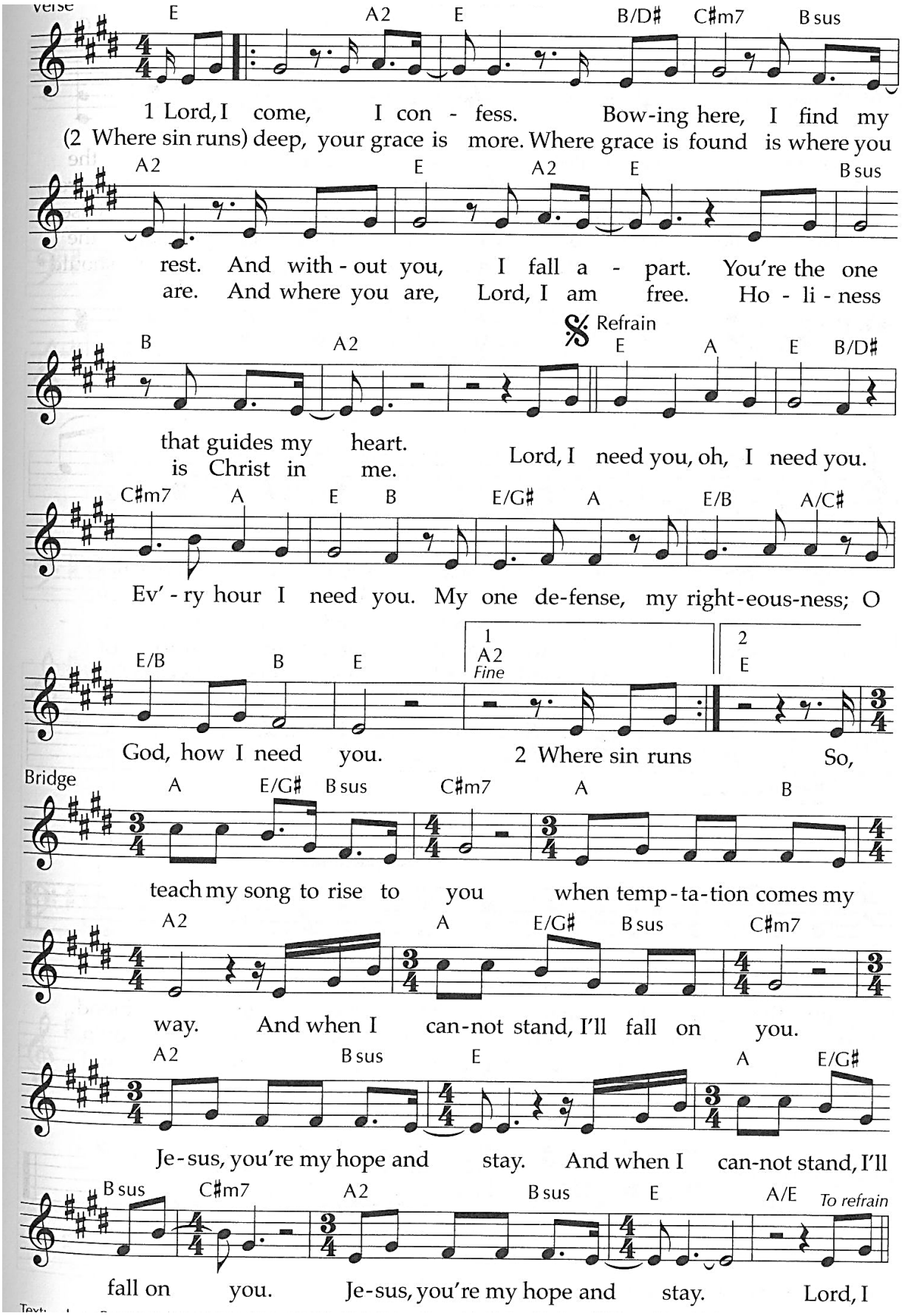
Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Scripture - 1 Kings 3:4-15 (p. 524)

Worship Through Singing - *Take my life* – HWB #389



Worship Through Singing - *Lord, I Need You* – VT #155



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

Congregational Prayer - Pastor Steve

Message - Pastor Steve
A Heart Turned Toward God

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

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov. 1	12:00 p.m.	Lauten Bells Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Mobile Potluck
Nov. 4	8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
Nov. 8	12:00 p.m.	Lauten Bells Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Bell Choir will practice on Wednesday, November 4, at 8:00 p.m. This practice was not on the original schedule, so Bell Choir ringers, please note that change!

College Care Packages are going to be given to Ethan Wilcox and Henry Harrington at Bethel College again this fall. We would love to bless them with some goodies before their finals at the

beginning of December. Some ideas for the care package: baked goods, snacks, gas money/gift cards, Dillons gift cards, laundry detergent, bathroom cleaner, cards, or something creative! Please put your donations in the plastic tub under the coat rack by November 22.

The Mission Supper will be on November 21, and we need your help! Sign up sheets for food and workers are on the bulletin board. A link for both was sent with the bulletin packet.

Come join the Tabor Church Mennonite Men for the BEST Chicken BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Ice Cream on Thursday, November 5, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All you can eat for a donation going to Bethesda Home and our mission partners in France. This meal will be Dine-In or To-Go at 891 Chisholm Trail, rural Newton, Kansas.

Cynthia Neufeld Smith will give an organ recital titled "Known or Unknown – Familiar Hymns Arranged by Less Familiar Composers," Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Ad Building chapel at Bethel College (or via livestream). The program comprises arrangements of 16 hymns, most of which can be found in Voices Together. Smith, a retired co-pastor at Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka, has taught courses in worship and liturgical arts through the AMBS Great Plains extension and is the current music coordinator at Southern Hills and assistant organist at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet will be held at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge on November 12 at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Kate Brubacher. The cost of the meal is $25, payable at the door or on our website, swissmennonite.org. RSVP by email to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com.

First Mennonite Church in McPherson is selling frozen verenike. Orders are due by Friday, November 13. Pick up date is Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. at the church (1161 East A Ave, McPherson). Pay at pick up with cash or check, $12.00 for 1/2 dozen and $24.00 for 1 dozen. Text your order to 620-242-7983.

Join Hope Mennonite Church for their annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 868 N. Maize Road in Wichita. All proceeds from the event will help support Hope Mennonite Church service projects: MCC, Camp Mennoscah, Family Promise and the Kansas Food Bank. Come enjoy a bake sale featuring peppernuts, local vendors selling homemade items, Quilter's Corner, and breakfast and lunch – Cinnamon Rolls, German Sausage, Bierocks, Pie, and more.

After a profoundly successful Part 1, we invite you to SOIL & SOUL: Part 2 on Saturday, November 14. Buhler Mennonite Church & Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church invite local farmers and ag professionals to another gathering for farmers, ranchers and the ag community on November 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Hilton Garden Inn in Hutchinson. Our Keynote Speaker will be Mark Mayfield. Other presenters include Sara Gideon and Thomas Eisenbarth (2025 Kansas Farm Bureau Rural Minds Matter Advocate of the Year Award Winners), and innovators like Cameron Nisly (Farmers Cooperative, Halstead). The event is FREE to the public and it includes a complimentary meal. A link to register for the event and meal was sent with the bulletin packet. For more information call 620.899.8918 or email bmcpastor@gmail.com.

MCC's 'Seek Peace' poster contest - MCC invites participants of all ages to design a poster interpreting the theme "Seek peace" through one of three scripture verses. The purpose of the contest is to motivate our communities to continue to strive for peace and to have hope in the daily actions each person can take to make their corners of the world more peaceful. MCC will print and distribute the winning poster! Visit mcc.org/seek-peace for full contest details.

Hesston College Updates: Request for singers - 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.

Bethel College Updates: Sun., Nov. 1 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church. **Tues., Nov. 3 –** Bethel College Campus Ministries, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Wichita, are partnering in "A Night Together for Peace," 7 p.m., *1887 Café on the Bethel campus*. Students are being invited to answer the question "What does lived peace look like?" through art, music and other forms of expression. Primarily for young adults, but everyone is welcome.

Camp Mennoscah Update: 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. **Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting** for 2027 Summer Staff on Nov. 9 at Hesston College, Nov. 10 at Tabor College, and Nov. 11 at Bethel College. For more information, contact 316-293-7313.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for John Will as he recovers from the stroke he recently experienced.
- Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom for WDC leaders and church members, as we discern faithful ways to live out God's peace and justice during this election season in the United States.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Tuesday, the United States will hold a high-stakes midterm election that will determine the country's

path forward for the next two-plus years. Pray for peace, regardless of the outcome of this election.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	No nursery today
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Care Portal	$500.00
Church Budget	1,000.00
Hog Roast	100.00
Hog Roast (Sunday night)	2,162.00
MCUSA	100.00
Meat Canning	1,375.00
Wednesday Supper	92.00
Western District Conference	916.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	81
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Lauren Mueller, Shaun Ortman, Megan Ortman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @8-31-26	$8,118.71
September Receipts	$10,237.64
September Expenses	($13,839.58)
Budget Balance @9-30-26	$4,516.77