



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

August 30, 2026

*Fill our minds with holy thoughts,
O Lord, that we may think what
you would have us think and
worship you with purity of heart.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Debbie Nightingale
School Kit Dedication

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

***Worship Through Singing – Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing –** VT #7

D G D Em A D

1 Come, let us all u - nite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and
2 O tell to earth's re - mot - est bound, God is love. In Christ we
3 What though our mor - tal flesh shall fail, God is love! Through Christ we
4 How hap - py is our por - tion here, God is love. These prom - is -

G D A E A A7

earth their prais - es bring, God is love. Let ev' - ry soul from
have re - demp - tion found, God is love. His blood has washed our
shall o'er death pre - vail, God is love! While end - less ag - es
es our spir - its cheer, God is love. God is our sun and

D A7 D

sin a - wake, let ev' - ry heart sweet mu - sic make, and sing with
sins a - way, his Spir - it turned our night to day, and now we
roll a - long, we'll tri - umph with the heav'n - ly throng, and this shall
shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; and will be

G D A7 D Refrain A7

us for Je - sus' sake, for God is love. God is love! God is
can re - joice to say that God is love. God is love!
be our sweet - est song, that God is love! God is love!
with us all the way: our God is love. God is love!

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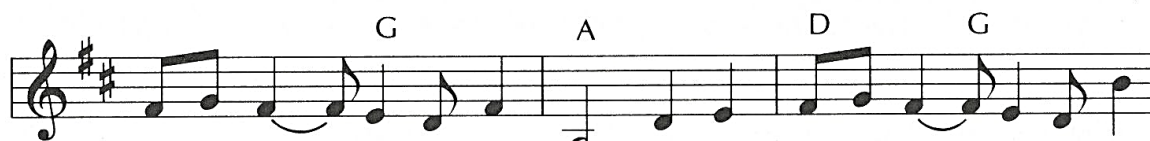
love! Come, let us all u - nite to sing that God is love.
God is love!

*Worship Through Singing – *There are many gifts* – HWB

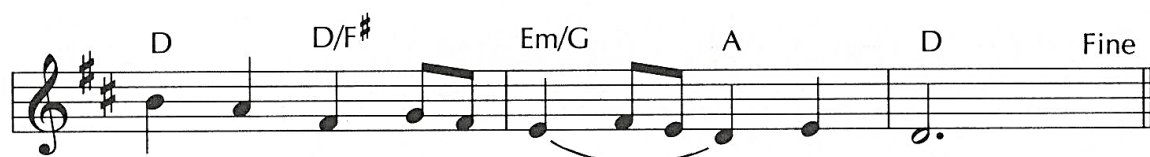
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There are man - y gifts, but the same Spir - it. There are



man - y works, but the same God, and the Spir - it gives each as it



choos - es. Praise the Lord. Praise God.



1 Now one has the gift of wis - dom, an -
2 A bod - y has man - y mem - bers, yet
3 Not all are called to be proph - ets, and



oth - er the call - ing to speak, one the a - bil - i - ty to
all work in u - ni - ty. The church is the bod - y of
not all are called to preach, but all should aim for the



com - fort, an - oth - er the call - ing to teach.
Christ, his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet. There are
best gifts and love is the great - est of these.

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

***Worship Through Singing** – *Fruit of the Spirit* – Lyrics
Projected

Pass the Fruit skit – Part 1

Children's Time – Debbie Nightingale

Bible Presentation

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

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

Sunday School Teacher Commissioning – Pastor Steve

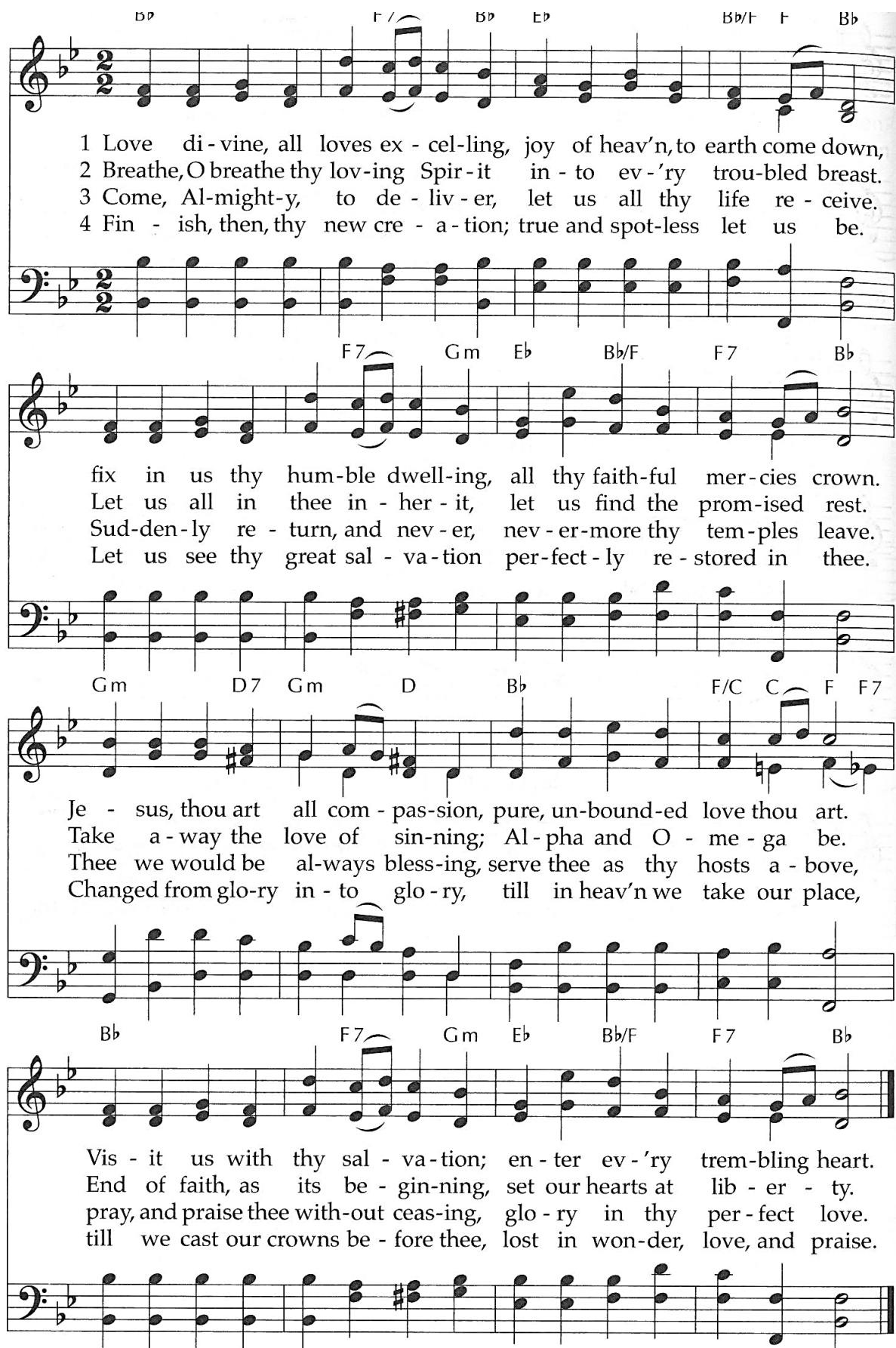
Congregation: Empowering God, with your people throughout the ages, we call members of the church to develop gifts and skills for your service. Thank you for raising up these leaders among us. Fill them with the love of Christ and the church. Empower them with your Holy Spirit. Bless them with joy in the work of ministry.

Teachers: We pray for wisdom, patience, and hope in this calling. May we use the authority entrusted to us with confidence and humility. May we grow into the mind and spirit of Christ through our service.

All: For the gifts that the Spirit nurtures within us and the ministries to which we are each called, thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Worship Through Singing – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – VT #638



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast.
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive.
 4 Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; true and spot-less let us be.

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.
 Let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest.
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
 Let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee.

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art.
 Take a-way the love of sin-nig; Al-pha and O-me-ga be.
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion; en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-nig, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

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

Pass the Fruit skit – Part 2

Scripture – Galatians 5:22-26 (p. 1816)
Matthew 7:16-20 (p. 1506)
Colossians 1:8-10 (p. 1832)
John 15:4-5 (p. 1677)

***Sending Song – *By Faith* – Lyrics Projected**

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Cindy Siemens**

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Aug. 30	10:30 a.m.	Christian Education Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck
Sept. 1	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Sept. 2	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the organ this morning is in honor of Katherine Ewy's 90th birthday on Sept. 2. Happy Birthday Katherine!

There is a potluck today following the worship service to celebrate Christian Education Sunday. In addition to food, there are some games and prizes. Stay and join in the fun!

The September/October Upper Room devotionals are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Kids Club resumes September 2 from 5-6 p.m. and will run for 8 weeks, ending October 21. Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays as we learn how the disciples began their ministry after Jesus' resurrection. We will dig into the book of Acts this school year.

Wednesday evening meals will begin on September 2 at 6 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to eat to help those making the food prepare the proper amount. Thanks!

Adult Bible Study will begin September 2 at 6:45 p.m. and will run for 6 weeks, ending on October 7. Casey Jacob will lead a 6-week study based on Tony Evans' book *Horizontal Jesus: How Our Relationships with Others Affect Our Experience with God.* All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study will resume on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and will generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We will be using Jen Wilkin's Bible study *God of Deliverance* to study the book of Exodus. Books can be purchased through Faith and Life Bookstore in Newton or online. Talk to Melanie if you have any questions or are interested in attending. All women are welcome!

We invite First Mennonite to show some love to Josh and Denny Johnson in the coming weeks. Josh and their college-age son, Spencer, were involved in a car accident during Old Settlers and Spencer has a number of weeks of recovery ahead of him. Josh has filled in for Pastor Steve a few Sundays and the younger children participate in youth group and other activities. We would like to bless them with gift cards or cash for gas as they are driving back and forth to Wichita every day. There will be a basket under the coat rack to collect items. If you'd like to give electronically, Denny's Venmo is @Denille-Johnson

Kids Meet Christ invites you to a fun community event for EVERYONE—parents, children, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship. Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church

in Goshen, IN and faith formation extraordinaire, will guide us in exploring worship that works for everyone. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas. Breakfast and lunch are included. The morning program is for all ages. The afternoon session will be separate adult and children's workshops. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet. Registration closes on Friday, Sept. 4.

The Western District Conference Library is having a book sale Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Children's books, fiction and curriculum are available. All sales are by donation.

The annual Mennonite Women in Mission Women's and Girls' Retreat will be held Sept. 12-13 at Camp Mennoscah. A schedule and registration information is available at mennonitewomeninmission.org.

Bethel College Update: Sunday, Aug. 30 - "Piece / Work: The Art of Mary Lou Goertzen," a special exhibit of ceramics and textiles, opens at Kauffman Museum, 1:30 p.m., with a presentation about Goertzen and her work by exhibit curator Dr. Rachel Epp Buller, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. **Wednesday, Sept. 2** – Life Enrichment programs at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in Krehbiel

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Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Now through Sept. 17** – "Alive with Wonder," fabric art by Hattie Lee Mendoza, opens in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College* (reception Sept. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Lois Loflin and her children, Linda and Joel, and their families as they celebrate Jim's life while mourning the loss of his presence here on Earth.
- Pray for all the students and teachers as they begin a new school year.
- Western District Conference: Pray for resources—spiritual, financial, and relational—to sustain and nurture new church plants.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Laura and Nick Sharp and their two children have completed their year of service in La Mesa, Colombia, and have returned to their home in Kansas. Pray for this family as they transition back into life in the U.S. and as they solidify plans for this next stage of life.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Michaela Forkenbrock, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	\$2,765.00
Johnson Family	115.00
MCC Sale	40.00
MCUSA	694.25
Memorial-Jim Loflin	250.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 85

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Western District Conference

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Mary Kay Bean, Debbie Nightingale, Kalyn Ortman

Christian Education Volunteers - 2025-2026

Sunday School

Little Blessings:	Ruth Mueller
Pre-school:	Casey Jacob, Lauren Mueller
Grades K-2:	Sara Smoker, Raquel Wilcox, Erica Schlender
Helper:	Amy Buchholz
Grades 3-5:	Kaitlen Ortman, Betsy Davis, Raquel Wilcox
Grades 6-8:	Melanie Haspels, Kaitlen Ortman
High School:	Jason Smoker, Jesse Mueller, David Mueller

Youth Leaders

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