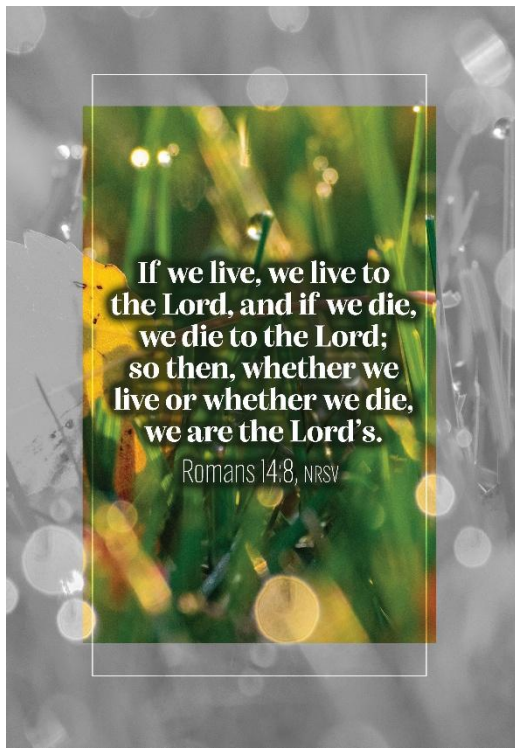


First Mennonite Church of Halstead

September 13, 2026

*With warm hearts and hands, we
welcome all who have come to
worship the Lord. May this be a
time of encouragement and
inspiration for us all.*



Gathering Music – Kent Dick

But Now I See - Richard Williamson

Welcome and Announcements – Amy Buchholz

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Kent Dick

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - Anna Laura Page

***Worship Through Singing – Brethren, we have met to worship**

– HWB #8

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the
2 Sis-ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ters
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and
4 Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each

Lord our God. Will you pray with all your pow-er
aid-ed him. Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers
filled with tears? Is there here a weep-ing Ma-ry
o-ther, too. Let us love and pray for sin-ners

while we try to preach the word? All is vain un-
who are strug-gling hard with sin? Tell them all a-
pour-ing forth a flood of tears? Breth-ren, join your
till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us

less the Spir-it of the ho-ly One comes down. Breth-ren,
bout the Sav-ior. Tell them that he will be found. Sis-ters,
cries to help them, sis-ters, let your prayers a-bound! Pray, oh
home to heav-en, at his ta-ble we'll sit down. Christ will



pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a-round.

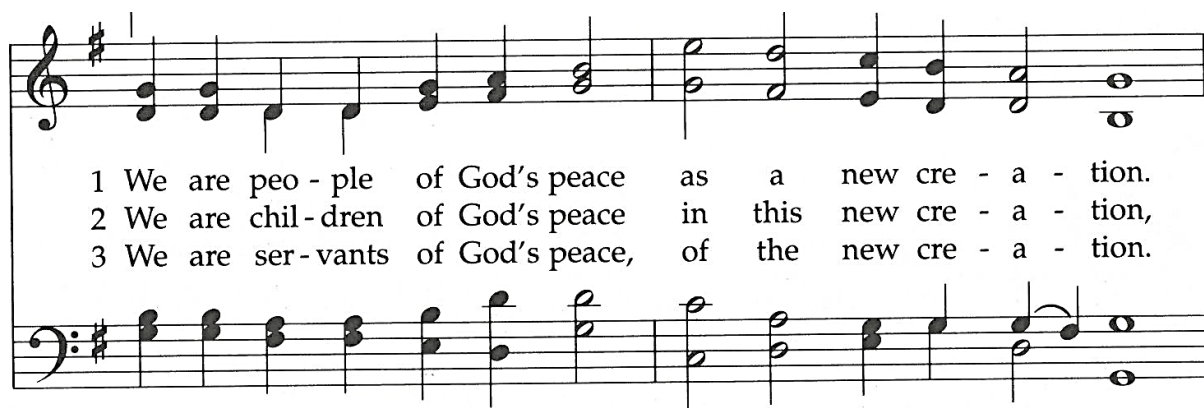
***Worship Through Singing – *Be Unto Your Name* – Lyrics**
 Projected

Offering & Offertory – Hesston College
Change My Heart, O God - arr. Wagner Kent Dick

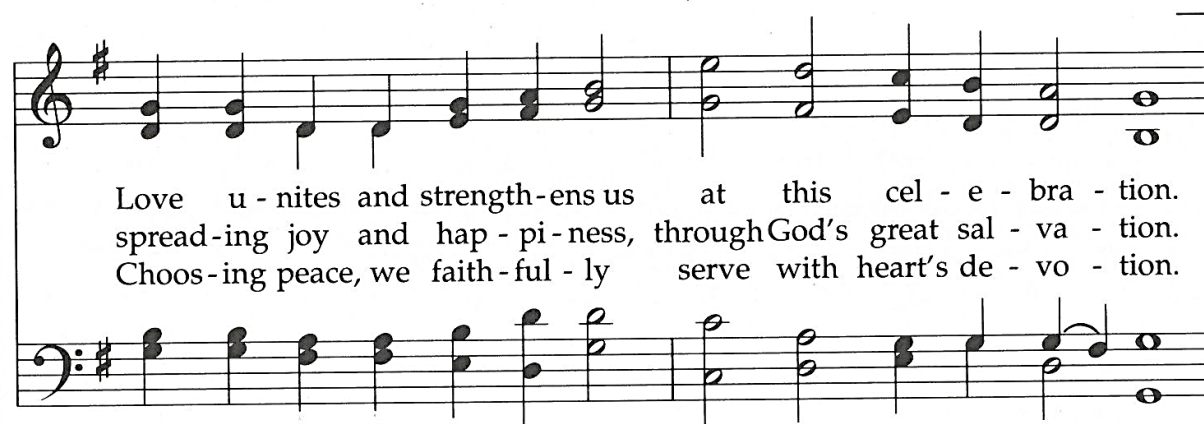
Scripture – Romans 14:1-12 (p. 1765-66)

Worship Through Singing – *We are people of God's peace –*

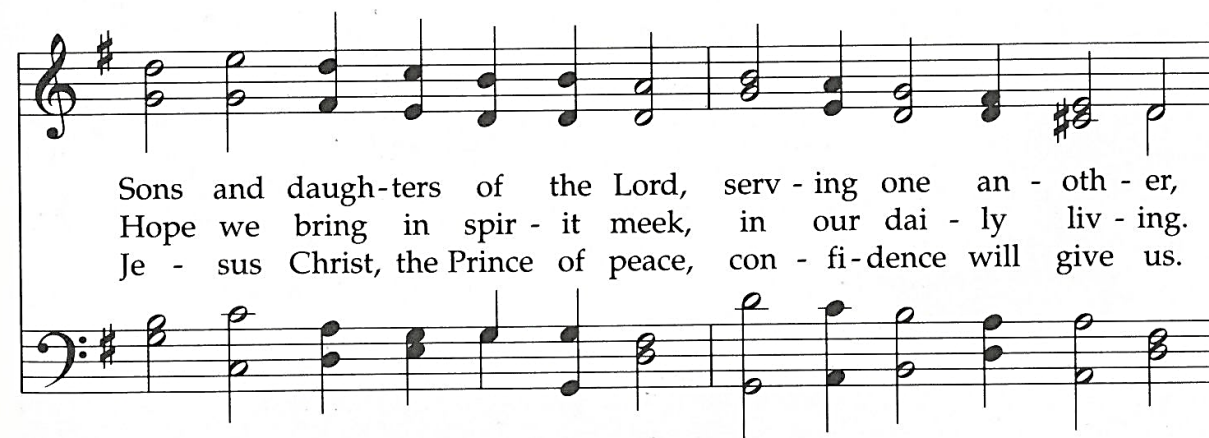
HWB #407



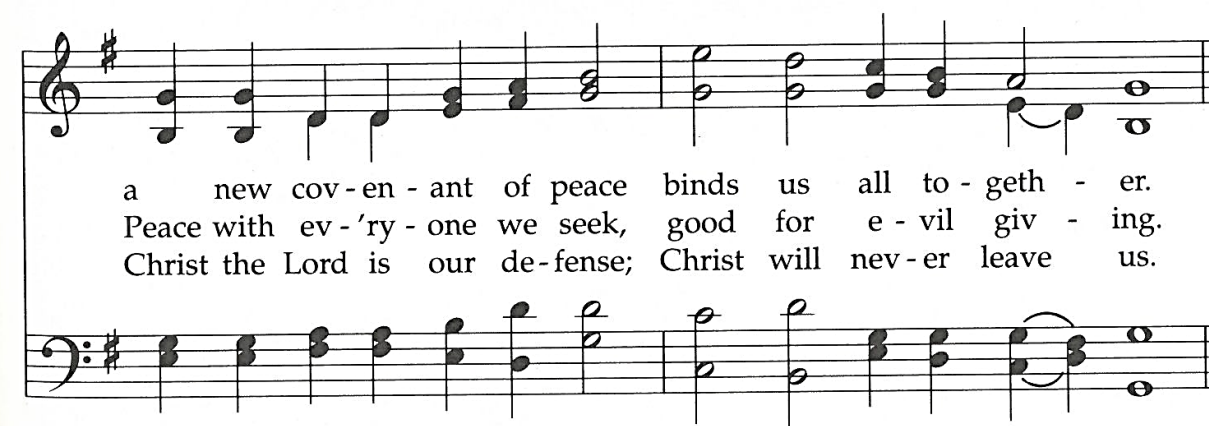
1 We are peo - ple of God's peace as a new cre - a - tion.
2 We are chil - dren of God's peace in this new cre - a - tion,
3 We are ser - vants of God's peace, of the new cre - a - tion.



Love u - nites and strength - ens us at this cel - e - bra - tion.
spread - ing joy and hap - pi - ness, through God's great sal - va - tion.
Choos - ing peace, we faith - ful - ly serve with heart's de - vo - tion.



Sons and daugh - ters of the Lord, serv - ing one an - oth - er,
Hope we bring in spir - it meek, in our dai - ly liv - ing.
Je - sus Christ, the Prince of peace, con - fi - dence will give us.



a new cov - en - ant of peace binds us all to - geth - er.
Peace with ev - 'ry - one we seek, good for e - vil giv - ing.
Christ the Lord is our de - fense; Christ will nev - er leave us.

Worship Through Singing – *Lord I Need You* – Lyrics Projected

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 Art of Holy Disagreement

Closing Prayer

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

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Rigaudon - Andre Campra

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept. 13	12:00 p.m.	Potluck
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.	Hospitality meeting
Sept. 16	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of you who attended or sent cards for my 90th birthday celebration. It was a wonderful day visiting with so many friends and family members. I am truly blessed by my church family! Katherine Ewy

Thank you for your generosity to MCC! We shared 128 full school kits and many additional items that would make around 12 more kits. We surpassed the Nurture Ministry's goal of 130 kits and many children will be blessed. You are awesome!

There is a potluck today following the worship service. There is always plenty to eat so please join us even if you couldn't bring any food.

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will begin meeting again tonight, Sept. 13, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Youth groups are for youth in grades 6 – 12.

Women's Bible Study will begin meeting tonight from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Covenant Sunday School classroom in the basement. Talk with Melanie if you have any questions.

Kids Club has started and 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.

Adult Bible Study will take place every Wednesday through Oct. 7 at 6:45 p.m. 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!

All women and girls of the church are invited to join together for a Soup and Salad Lunch on Sunday, September 27, following the worship service. Hospitality will provide a salad bar. A sign up for soups and an RSVP is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Beginner Bells will rehearse after church on October 4 & 11 and share songs during the worship service on October 18. All ages (third grade through adult) are invited to join this intergenerational

bell choir. Let Casey know if you would like to ring or help out in any way!

Please save the date of Oct. 25 for the next pastoral & congregational review. The Vision Team invites all adults to participate in a focus group following the worship service on Oct. 25 to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the life of our congregation. Childcare will be available during the focus groups and lunch will be provided following the focus groups. All who call FMC home are invited to participate. Junior and senior high youth will participate in the review process the following week during Sunday School. Questions? Talk to Jason Smoker, Chuck Mueller, Jesse Mueller, Melanie Haspels or Sandy Allen.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church invites you to attend their 10th annual Community Hog Roast on Sunday, Sept 27, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the church, located at 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS 67154. A pulled pork barbecue meal with sides will be served, yard games and live music by the Schwisters and Brett and Caleb Klingenberg will be available throughout the evening. A free-will donation will be accepted, with all proceeds supporting the Newton, Whitewater and Potwin food banks.

Et Cetera Shop Updates: Current needs include men's, women's, & children's clothing. **We will be closed on Monday, September 7,** for Labor Day and Monday, September 14, for Fall/Halloween setup. **Beginning September 1,** two \$5 gift cards will be given out daily to customers selected by staff and volunteers. Also, each Saturday in September, donors will be given a homemade monster cookie and a 20% off coupon for their next purchase.

Hesston College Update: A quilt exhibit titled "Section Selections" will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from September 1 through 27 with a reception on September 16. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Bethel College Updates: Wed., Sept. 16 – The staff of KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel

College, invites you for coffee, pastries and conversation, 8-10 a.m. at Kaufman House (2515 College Ave., North Newton). **Wed., Sept. 16** – Life Enrichment programs in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: 9:30 a.m., “European Tours: Flights, Sites and Bites,” Weldon Martens; 10:50 a.m., “Stories of a Meteorologist at KWCH,” Ross Janssen. **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.

Camp Mennoscah Update: The fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat will take place October 2-4. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC chaplains and other ministers who serve in specialized settings such as hospitals, retirement communities, hospice, prison, mission contexts and educational institutions, that God would provide wisdom, compassion and strength in the challenges and joys that they face daily.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that SEMILLA is now offering a diploma in the Bible, leadership and youth ministry for young Mennonites. Pray for students participating in this program, whose classes began last week.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Marilyn Mueller, Debbie Nightingale, Megan Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Birthday	\$30.00
Church Budget	2,495.00
Hesston College	50.00
MCUSA	125.00
Wednesday Supper	147.00
Western District Conference	995.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 86

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Church Budget

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Lauren Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Luke Haspels