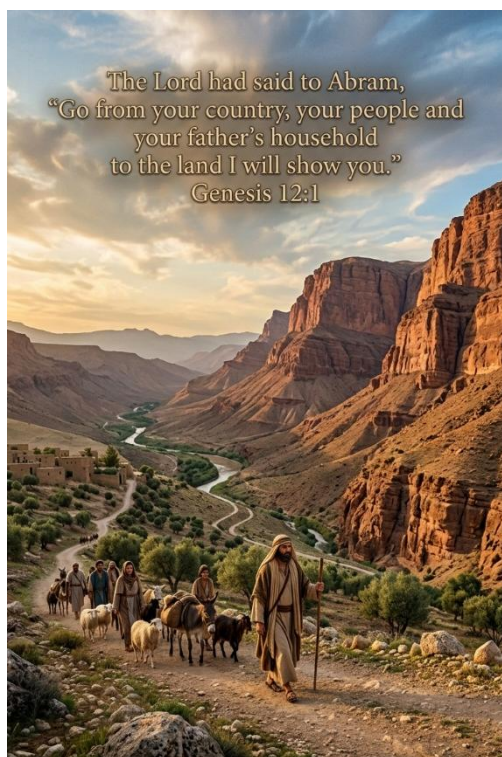




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

September 20, 2026

*With eagerness we approach you,
O God. We join with all who love
and serve you. We offer
ourselves to be your people,
ready to let your light shine upon
us and through us.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Melanie Haspels

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Ruth Mueller & Erica
"Lord I Need You" arr. by Keveren Schlender

***Worship Through Singing** – *Sometimes By Step* – Lyrics
Projected

***Worship Through Singing** – *Be thou my vision* – HWB #545

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
 3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
 5 High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

1 naught be all else to me save that thou art.
 2 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
 3 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 4 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
 5 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 2 Thou my great Fa - ther, thy child may I be,
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
 4 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 5 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 2 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 3 Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 4 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 5 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

“For the Beauty of the Earth with Fairest Lord Jesus”

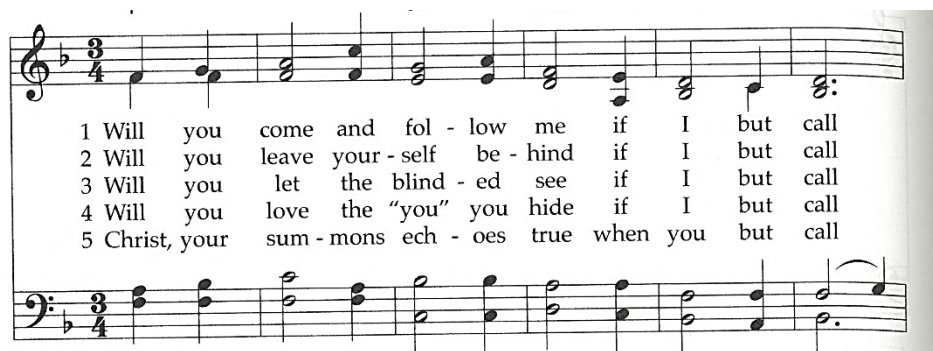
arr. by Ham

Ruth Mueller & Erica Schlender

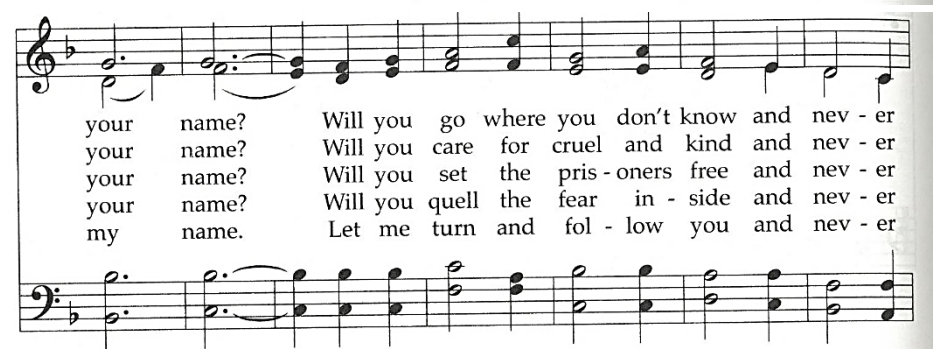
Scripture – Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 17)

Worship Through Singing – Will You Come and Follow Me – VT

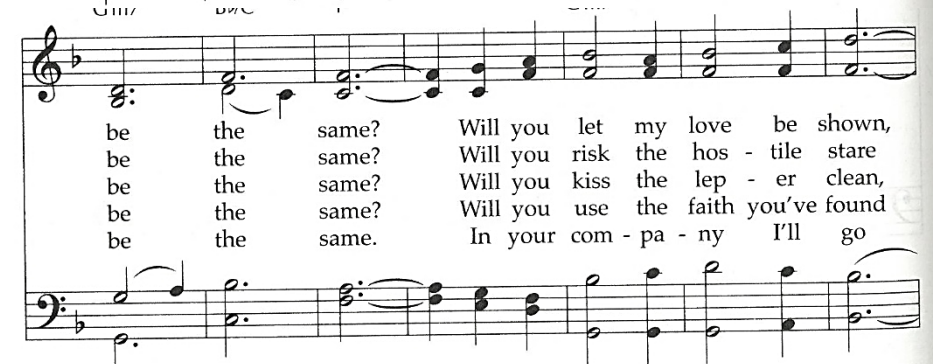
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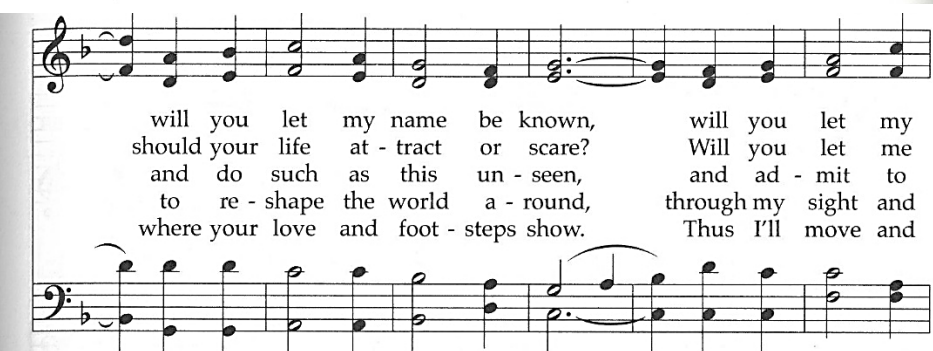
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5 Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



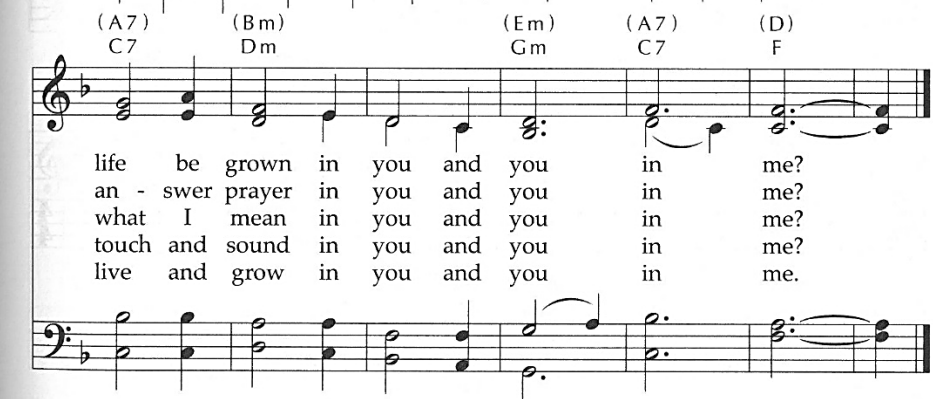
your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er



be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



(A7) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 C7 Dm Gm C7 F
 life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

Worship Through Singing – Oceans – VT #540



1 You call me out up - on the wa - ters, the great un -
 2 Your grace a - bounds in deep - est wa - ters, your sov - 'reign
 1 Tu voz me lla - ma a las a - guas, don - de mis
 2 Tu gra - cia a - bun - da en la tor - men - ta, tu ma - no,



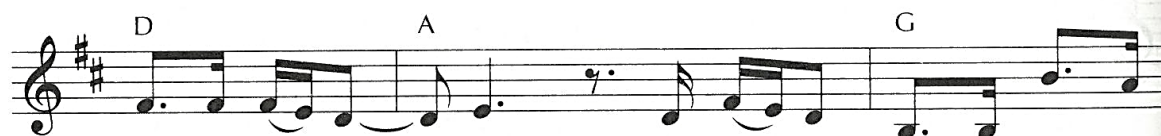
- known where feet may fail. And there I find you in the
 hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear sur -
 pies pue - den fa - llar. Y a - hí te en - cuen - tro en lo in -
 Dios, me gui - a - rá. Cuan - do hay te - mor en mi ca -



mys - t'ry, in o - ceans deep my faith will stand.
 rounds me, you've nev - er failed, and you won't start now.
 cier - to, ca - mi - na - ré so - bre el mar.
 mi - no, tú er - es fiel y no cam - bia - rás.



And I will call up - on your name and keep my
 Y a tu nom - bre cla - ma - ré en ti mis



eyes a - bove the waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will
 o - jos fi - ja - ré. En tem - pe - stad, des - can - sa -



rest in your em - brace, for I am yours and you are
 ré en tu po - der, pues tu - yo soy ha - sta el fi -

1st time to verse 2
2nd time to bridge
Last time Fine

mine.
- nal.

Bridge

Spir - it, lead me where my trust is with - out bor -
Que tu Es - pí - ri - tu me guí - e sin fron - te -

- ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher -
- ras, más a - llá de las ba - rre - ras a

ev - er you would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet
don - de tú me lla - mes. Tú me lle - vas más a - llá

could ev - er wan - der, and my faith will be made strong -
de lo so - ña - do, don - de pue - do es - tar con - fia -

- er in the pres - ence of my Sav - ior.
- do al es - tar en tu pre - sen - cia.

To refrain

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

The God Who Sends

Closing Prayer

*Sending Song – Build Your Kingdom Here – VT #393



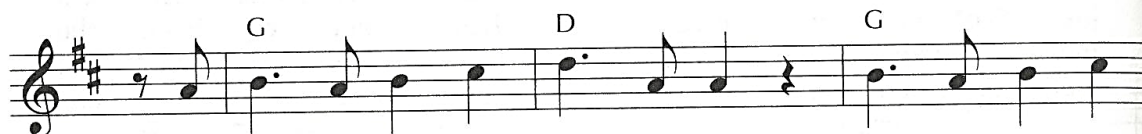
1 Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts a -
 2 We seek your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we
 3 Un - leash your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and



gain. In - crease in us, we pray. Un - veil
 thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for you're our
 far. No force of hell can stop your beau - ty,



why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope,
 joy and prize. To see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased,
 chang - ing hearts. You made us for much more than this;



like wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace, we lay down our
 a - wake the king - dom seed in us. Fill us with the



come, in - vade us now. We are your
 lives for heav - en's cause. We are your
 strength and love of Christ. We are your



church; we need your pow'r in us.
 church; we pray, re - vive this earth.
 church; we are the hope on earth.

2, 3 Refrain
D sus B m/D A B m7 G2 D

Build your king-dom here. Let the e - vil fear. Show your

A B m7 G2 A D A

might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set your church on

B m7 G2 D A B m7

fire. Win your peo - ple back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build your

G2 A *Last time, repeat refrain* D Asus D Asus D *Last time Fine* To v. 3

king - dom here, we pray!

*Benediction

*Postude – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept. 21	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Sept. 23	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Sept. 24	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Care Team meeting
Sept. 27	12:00 p.m.	Women & Girls Soup & Salad Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The roses on the organ are in celebration of Larry Flickinger's 91st birthday today, Sept. 20, and Dale Dick's 91st birthday on Friday, Sept. 25. Happy birthday to Larry and Dale!

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!

The October newsletter deadline is this Tuesday, Sept. 22. Thanks!

The choir will practice on Sept. 23 and Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. and will sing during the worship service on Oct. 4. All are welcome to come sing, whether or not you have done so in the past.

We will celebrate communion, as part of World Communion Sunday, on Sunday, Oct. 4.

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!

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.

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!

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.

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. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Homecoming weekend is September 25 to 27. For a full schedule of events and to register to attend, visit hesston.edu/homecoming.

Hesston College Theatre department will perform "The Children's Hour" October 1 to 4 in the Black Box Theater located in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/showtix or by calling 620-327-8104.

Bethel College Updates: **Sun., Sept. 20** – Kauffman Museum annual meeting and student presentation, 3 p.m., museum auditorium. **Wed., Sept. 23** – Life Enrichment programs in

Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: 9:30 a.m., "Presenting Acting Up: An Anthology of Mennonite Plays (1970-2025)," Lauren Friesen; 10:50 a.m., "A Morning with Marimba," Daniel Albertson. **Fri., Sept. 25** – "This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist," a retrospective of work by Bob Regier, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center (reception Oct. 16; final day Oct. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Thurs., Oct. 1** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Dr. Jonathan Poquette, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

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. 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

- Western District Conference: Pray for young adults, leaders and other members of WDC who are considering attending Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit sponsored by MCC and MC USA on Nov 6-7, as a way to explore what faithful peacemaking looks like in an age of war, polarization, nationalism and violence.
- Mennonite Mission Network: The Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) introduced its new youth initiative, Beyond Borders, at the NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training last month. Pray for the youth and young adults in this program as they engage in intercultural dialogue, mentoring, networking and self-care practices.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Lauren Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Luke Haspels

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	2,750.00
Hesston College	829.00
MCUSA	50.00
Memorial-Jim Loflin	265.00
Memorial-Orville Voth	140.00
Neighbors	200.00
Wednesday Supper	162.00
Western District Conference	50.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

MC USA

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Betsy Davis, Shaun Ortman, Jaxon Smoker

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @6-30-26	\$8,356.21
July Receipts	\$15,500.82
July Expenses	(\$14,199.45)
Budget balance @7-31-26	\$9,657.58