



**"WORTHY
is the LAMB!"**
Revelation 5:12

**Halstead
First Mennonite Church**

September 27, 2020

*Thank you for this lovely fall day,
Creator God. I praise you for this
time of rest and worship.*

Gathering Music- Kent Dick

*O God Beyond All Praising
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Welcome and Announcements

September Birthday Offering

Centering Music- Kent Dick

Like a Lamb - Southbridge

Call to Worship

L: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

P: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

L: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

P: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

L: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Praise Song- Praise Him, Praise Him- HWB #100

1 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! Sing, O
 2 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! For our
 3 Praise him, praise him! Je-sus, our bless-ed re - deem-er! Heav'n-ly

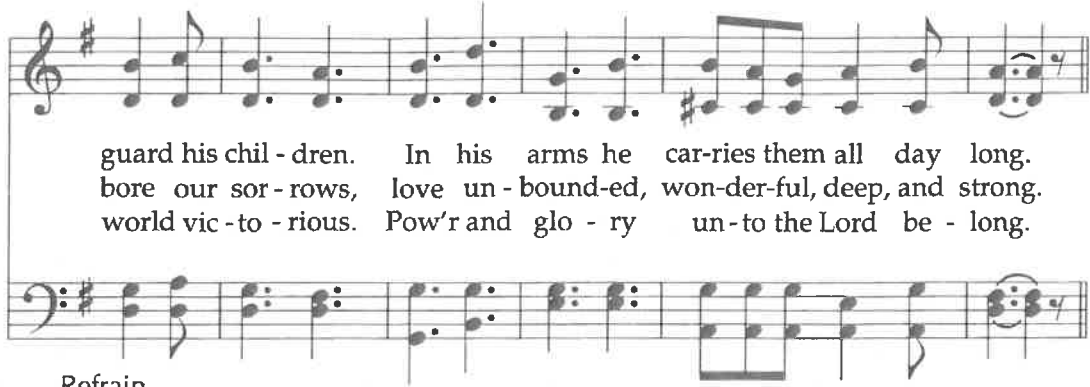
earth, his won-der - ful love pro - claim! Hail him, hail him!
 sins he suf-fered and bled and died. He our rock, our
 por - tals loud with ho-san-nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior,

high - est arch-an-gels in glo - ry! Strength and hon - or
 hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion, hail him, hail him!
 reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er! Crown him, crown him!

give to his ho - ly name! Like a shep - herd, Je-sus will
 Je - sus, the cru - ci - fied. Sound his prais - es, Je-sus who
 proph-et, and priest, and king! Christ is com - ing, o-ver the

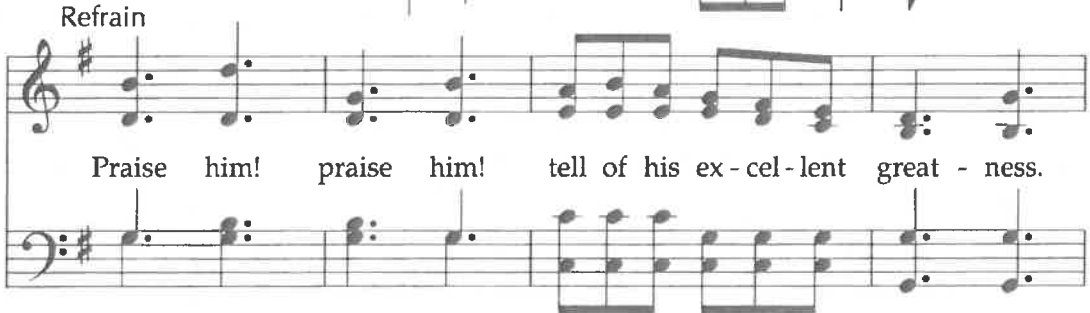
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 Music: Chester G. Allen, *Bright Jewels*, 1869

PRAISING/ADORING

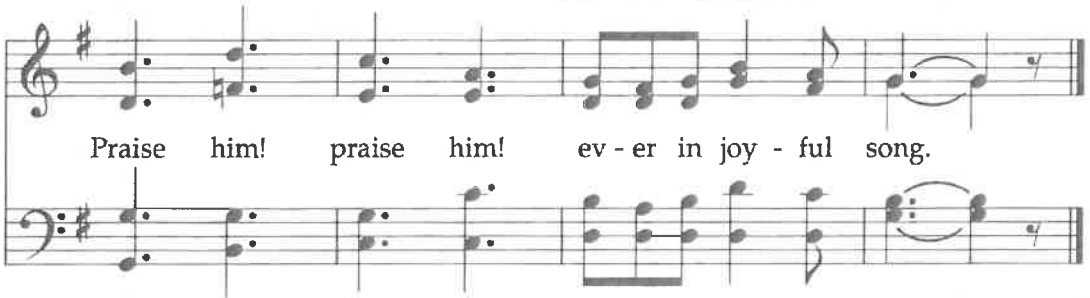


guard his chil - dren. In his arms he car-ries them all day long.
bore our sor - rows, love un - bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep, and strong.
world vic - to - rious. Pow'r and glo - ry un-to the Lord be - long.

Refrain



Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness.



Praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song.

105 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

F. H. ROWLEY

PETER P. BILHORN

1. I will sing the won-drous sto - ry Of the Christ who died for me,
 2. I was lost, but Je - sus found me, Found the sheep that went a - stray,
 3. I was bruised, but Je - sus healed me; Faint was I from many a fall;
 4. Days of dark-ness still come o'er me, Sor - row's paths I oft - en tread,
 5. He will keep me till the riv - er Rolls its wa - ters at my feet;

How He left His home in glo - ry For the cross of Cal - va - ry.
 Threw His lov - ing arms a-round me, Drew me back in - to His way.
 Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, But He freed me from them all.
 But the Sav - ior still is with me; By His hand I'm safe - ly led.
 Then He'll bear me safe - ly o - ver, Where the loved ones I shall meet.

CHORUS

Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto - - - ry Of the
 Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto - ry

Christ who died for me, Sing it with the saints in
 Of the Christ who died for me, Sing it with

glo - - ry, Gath-ered by the crys-tal sea.
 the saints in glo - ry, Gath-ered by the crys-tal sea.

Praise Song- *Worthy is the Lamb*

Verse 1

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing
grace

Verse 2

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and
embrace

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the
throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The Darling of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Vamp

Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Ending

The Darling of heaven crucified

Children's Story

Praise Song- *Majesty*

Chorus

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading- Revelation 5:8-14

⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Message- *Is He Worthy?* - Pastor Steve and Praise Team

Closing Song- *You are My All in All*

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Benediction

Postlude- Kent Dick

Praise Him! Praise Him! - McDonald

CALENDAR

Sept. 27	6:00 pm	Mom's Group in Stauffer Hall
Sept. 28	12:00 pm	Newsletter Deadline
Sept. 29	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast at Golden Harvest
Sept. 30	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Grab & Go Meal
Oct. 4	10:30 am	Communion during Worship
	3-7 pm	P & M Pumpkin Ranch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the September birthday offering. The jar for the offering is located on the back usher's table as you enter or leave today.

Secretary Note: The deadline for the October newsletter is Monday, Sept. 28. Thank you!

Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, October 4 during the worship service. If you are worshipping at home, please have the elements ready for your use.

The offering today is for Church Budget. Please place your offering in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or send to James Nightingale, 2819 N. Spring Lake, Burrton, KS 67020. The offering on Oct. 4 is for MC USA.

Offering deposited on 9/24/20: Church Budget (\$2,760.00); Hesston College (\$695.00); MC USA (\$35.00); Scholarship Fund (\$35.00); Wednesday Supper (\$50.00); WDC (\$80.00).

Kids Club meets each Wednesday at 5 pm until Oct. 28. Kids ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to join us outside as we travel back in time to previous VBS stories. A grab-and-go meal will be available at 6 pm for families or any adult that would like to sign-up and join us for a meal outside or to take home. A sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway and on Facebook.

Mom's Group is BACK! We will begin meeting for Bible Study and fellowship at a new day and time. Our first session will be Sunday, September 27th at 6 pm in Stauffer Hall. Childcare will not initially be provided, but please talk with Kaitlen or Melanie if this is something that would be helpful.

P&M Pumpkin Ranch- We have our campfire reserved for Sunday, October 4th, from 3-7 pm at P&M Pumpkin Ranch (311 16th Avenue, Moundridge). The church will provide hotdogs, chips & drinks. Mention First Mennonite when you pay and you'll receive a 10% discount that day; regular ticket price is \$9.50.

Buhler Mennonite Church is sponsoring Outreach Meals in partnership with Ideatek. They hope to package 50,000 meals! The event is Oct. 17 and you may register to help at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545aead2ea1f58-10000 or call Buhler Mennonite

at 620-543-2733 or bmcpastor@gmail.com. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Mennonite Central Committee invites you join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. [Register online at Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com). Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 30-Nov. 1 has up to five spaces available. (Nov. 6-8 is waitlist only.) Participants will stay in the Retreat Center with their own bathroom and scrapbook/crafts tables will be set up in the dining hall to provide more space and better ventilation. Register at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is September 27 at 7pm. An online link will be shared soon! Get ready to hear about Camp Mennoscah's year!

Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30am and ends approximately 2:30pm. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

Sat., Oct. 3 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday bird walk, 7:30 a.m., beginning in the museum parking lot, Main & 27th Streets in North Newton. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 miles (about an hour) in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail. Path is mostly wood-chip with some steep/sloping spots. Binoculars recommended.

Fall Festival at Bethel College is not canceled but will look different this year. While there won't be a "Fall Festival fair" on campus Oct. 3, there will be a homecoming football game, a photography exhibit by David Long, and a virtual performance of a play written and directed by Karen Robu, among other events. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30). See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule, and for links to all virtual events.

Bethel College Women's Association has worked to raise money for Bethel for many years. In August we opened our first online

store, www.bcwamarketonline.com. We invite you to help us support Bethel by checking this online market for crafts, jewelry, Bethel-themed items and much more. Our inventory will change over time so please check in to find that special gift or item for your home. If circumstances allow, on September 1 we will begin accepting orders for baked goods to be picked up on Fall Fest weekend, October 1-3. Please check the website for updated information.

We have service opportunities available for your whole family, even during the pandemic! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP for details and to apply!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Duane and Pauline Regier in prayer as Duane continues to work through his blood cancer diagnosis.
- We give thanks that Jo Pjesky's pacemaker operation went smoothly. Continue to pray she will recover quickly.
- Keep John Will in prayer as he will have hip surgery on Oct. 13.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission and church planters as they listen for the Holy Spirit's leading for church development in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with Mennonite Mission Network at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to Jesus' way.