

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH
HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
BETHESDA BIBLE SERIES

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"Reason I Sing"
"Prayer to the King"
"Forever"

"Holy Spirit" Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen, Mary Dente

Call to Worship Pastor J Epp

*"The God of Abraham praise" HWB 162
(*Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3*)

Children's Focus Pastor Andrea Wall

*"Great is thy faithfulness" HWB 327

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

"The Church" Worship Band

Scripture Reading Pastor Andrea Wall
Selections from Genesis 9, 17; Jeremiah 31;
Ezekiel 36; Hosea 2; Luke 22
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Who Are We? A Covenant People" David Boshart

*"God of the Bible" HWB 27

Announcements Pastor J Epp
Offering to God Pastor J Epp

Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, pianist

* Benediction David Boshart

* "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Worship Band

** If you are able, you are invited to stand.*

All are invited to participate in the Bethesda Bible Series
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.
Children will have Sunday School and childcare will be provided
in the Nursery during Sunday School and after the
meal during the final Bible Series session.

Welcome David Boshart!

David Boshart has served as the President of AMBS since August 1, 2019. He has been a Mennonite pastor for over 40 years. Prior to his appointment to AMBS, David served as Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference for 9 years and a local congregational pastor for 25 years. David was a member of the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA for 12 years, serving as Moderator of Mennonite Church USA from 2017-2019.

David holds a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Andrews University with an emphasis in missional ecclesiology. David has taught classes at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Andrews University.

David is married to Shana, also a former Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. They have three adult sons.

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WHO ARE WE?

(SESSION 1 DURING MORNING WORSHIP HOUR)

Together we will explore the scriptural story of God forming a covenant people – from Israel to the church in Christ. The church is not a voluntary association of like-minded individuals but a people "taken up" into God's promise. Unity is therefore not something we create through agreement or manage through structure, but a gift given in Christ and sustained by the Spirit.

In a time when the congregation feels the tension of conference decisions, the sermon will invite members to anchor their identity first in God's covenantal initiative rather than in institutional outcomes or contested issues.

HOW DO WE LIVE TOGETHER?

(SESSION 2 DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR)

We will explore how congregations, conferences, and denominations order their common life and how covenant differs from contract and how spiritual practices, discernment processes, and mutual accountability enable the church to live faithfully amid disagreement.

CATERED LUNCH


ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHEN LIVING TOGETHER IS HARD

SESSION 3 AFTER LUNCH – CHILD CARE PROVIDED

We will gather in table groups to seek wisdom together as a covenanted people to listen to Scripture, one another and the Holy Spirit and offer thoughtful counsel to our leaders.

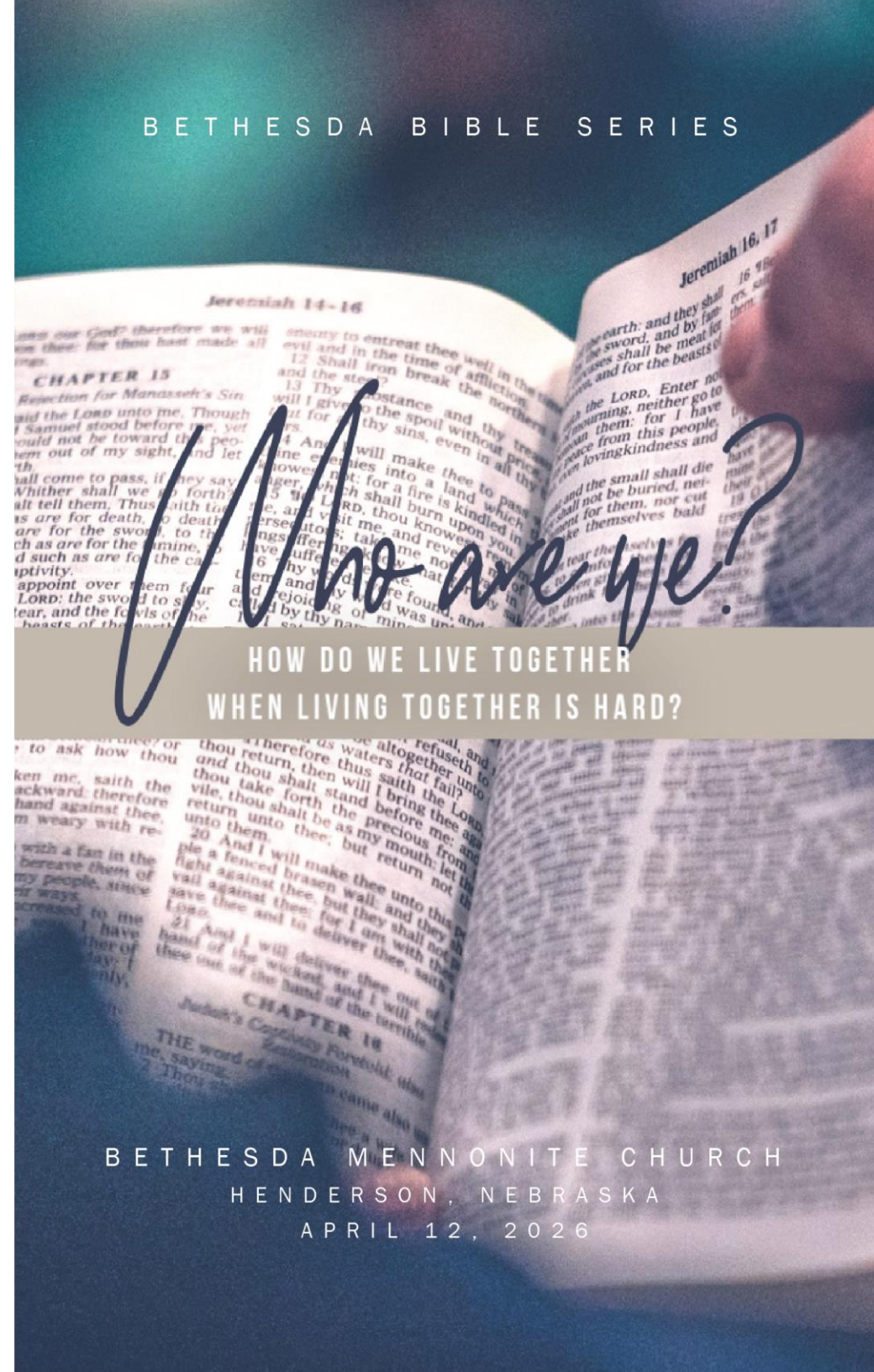
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- When you are unable to attend worship, please join us via...
 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM
 - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
 - Cobalt Cable Channel #3207
- Hearing Impaired Worshipers: If you need hearing assistance, feel free to sit in the front center seating to take advantage of our Hearing-Loop system. Williams units are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for your use.
- When you desire pastoral care outside of office hours, please call:
 - Pastor Andrea Wall: 402-710-3195 (cell) or email andrea@mainstaycomm.net
 - Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004 (cell) or email chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org
 - Pastor J. Epp: 402-366-7475 (cell) or email j.epp@bethesdamc.org

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