

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Sandra Quiring, Pianist

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" Janzen Family

Welcome & Call to Worship Bev Quiring

*"Come, ye thankful people" HWB 94
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4.)

Children's Focus Connie Bechtel

*"You are salt for the earth" HWB 226

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Scripture Reading Pastor J Epp

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "The Parable of the Soil" Pastor J Epp

*"Will You Come and Follow Me" see Bethesda News

Announcements Bev Quiring

Offering to God Bev Quiring
Offertory Sandra Quiring, Pianist

* Benediction Pastor J Epp

* "Zephaniah 3:17"

Janzen Family

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

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

The Parable of the Soil

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That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop -- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once

receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



THE PARABLE OF THE SOIL



MATTHEW 13:8

“STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL, WHERE IT PRODUCED
A CROP A HUNDRED, SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES
WHAT WAS SOWN.”

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 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM at 11:30 a.m.
 - 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:
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