

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH
HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"House of the Lord"
"Living Hope"
"Made For More"

"O Come to the Altar" Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
James Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, and Amanda Goertzen

Welcome & Call to Worship Steve Michel

One: We gather this morning to follow Jesus together.

All: Teach us to walk in his way.

One: Jesus calls us to forgive and to seek peace.

All: Help us choose the way of love and forgiveness.

One: We all need forgiveness, and we all have people we need to forgive.

All: Give us grace to forgive as we have been forgiven.

One: May forgiveness take root in us and grow among us.

All: Help us grow together in Christ.

One: Come, let us worship together.

* "We Are One in the Spirit" Insert
(*Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3.*)

Children's Focus Connie Bechtel

* "God, Give Me Time" Insert

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

* "The Jesus Way" Worship Band

Scripture Reading Pastor Andrea Wall
Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message **"Rooted in Forgiveness"** Pastor Andrea Wall

*"Let us break bread together" HWB 453

Service of Communion
Pastor Chelsea Vaught & Pastor Andrea Wall

Service of the Bread
(The bread this morning is gluten-free.)
"How Deep the Father's Love" – Worship Band

Service of the Cup
"Communion Song" – Worship Band

Announcements Steve Michel

Offering to God Steve Michel
Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

*Benediction Pastor Andrea Wall

*"Sanctuary" Worship Band

** 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.

Matthew

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times."

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who

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owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.' Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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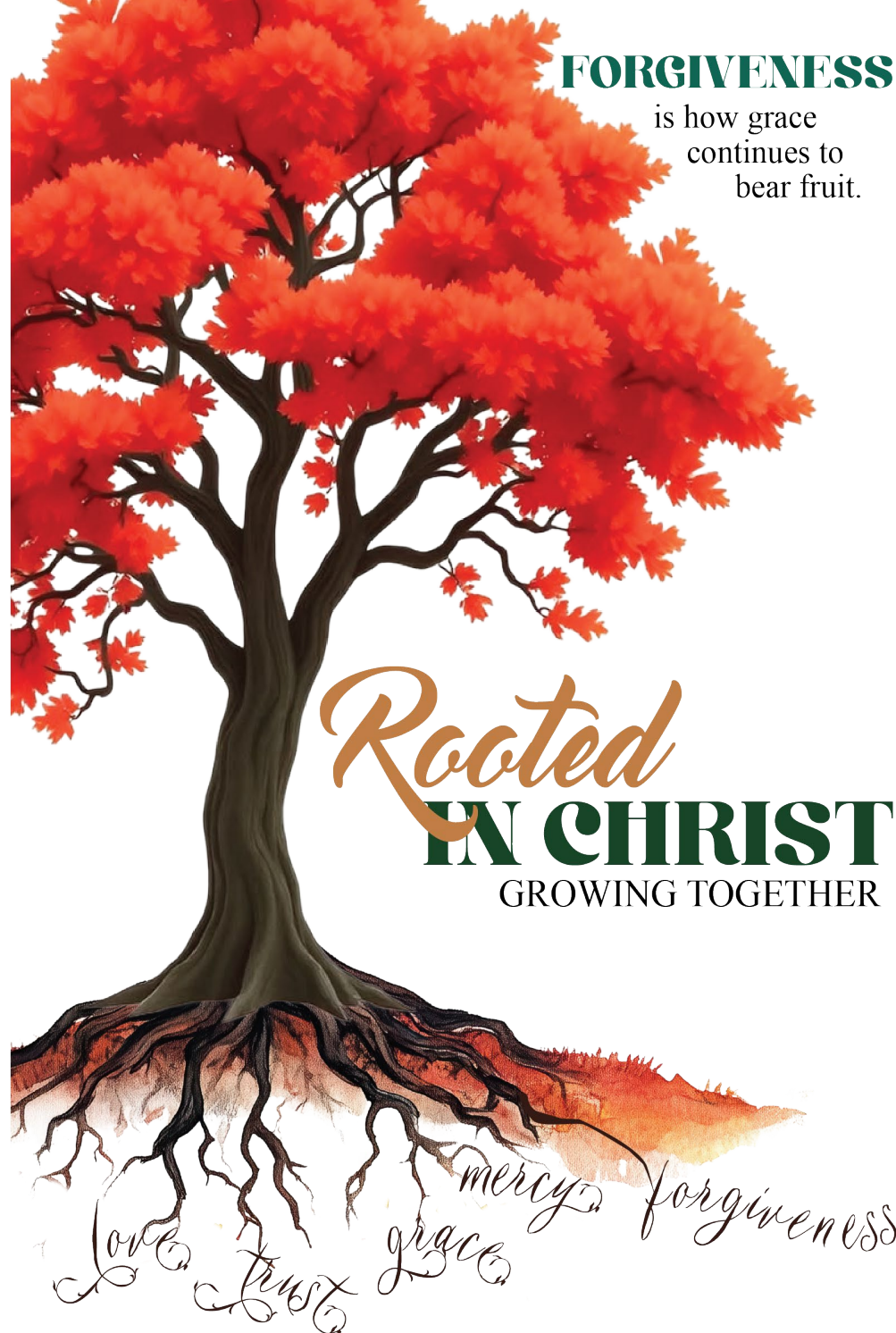
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- When you are unable to attend worship, please join us via...
 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM at 11:30 a.m.
 - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
 - Cobalt Cable Channel #3207
- Hearing Impaired Worshipers: If you need hearing assistance, feel free to sit in the front center seating to take advantage of our Hearing-Loop system. Williams units are also available at 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
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FORGIVENESS

is how grace
continues to
bear fruit.



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