BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude — Worship Band

"Less Like Me"
"If We Are the Body"
"The Jesus Way"

"All Who Are Thirsty" — 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 — Bev Quiring

One: We've been talking about what it means to be rooted in Christ.
All: Help us keep growing in the way of Jesus.
One: When our roots grow deep, our lives begin to show it.
All: Help our lives reflect your love.
One: Jesus calls us to love, to serve, and to care for one another.
All: Help us put our faith into action.
One: May the fruit of the Spirit grow in us and among us.
All: Help us bear good fruit wherever we go.
One: Let's worship together and continue to follow Jesus.

* "We plow the fields and scatter" — HWB 96
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3.)

Children's Focus — Connie Bechtel

* "Renew your church" — HWB 363

Congregational Prayer — Pastor Chelsea Vaught

"Build My Life" — Worship Band

Scripture Reading — Pastor J Epp

Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSV)
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message — **"Rooted to Bear Fruit"** — Pastor J Epp

*"Lord, I want to be a Christian" — HWB 444

Announcements — Bev Quiring

Offering to God — Bev Quiring
Offertory — Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

*Benediction — Pastor J Epp

*"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 21:23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question, if youthell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostituates are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds believe him.

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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 at the rear of the sanctuary for your use.
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