BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude — Sandra Quiring, Pianist

"The Lord is My Strength and Song" - McDonald — Chancel Choir
Under the direction of Lynn Hall
& accompanied by Sandra Quiring

Welcome & Call to Worship — Norm Yoder

One: We've been talking about what it means to be rooted in Christ.
All: Help us keep growing in faith, hope, and love.
One: God is with us in the good times and the hard times.
All: Help us trust that we are never alone.
One: Jesus calls us to live with hope and to share that hope with others.
All: Help us be people who bring love, peace, and hope wherever we go.
One: We don't follow Jesus alone.
All: We follow him together, supporting and encouraging one another.
One: As we worship today, may our roots grow deeper in Christ.
All: And may our lives reflect his love to the world around us.
One: Let's worship together.

* "Christ is our cornerstone" — HWB 43
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4.)

Children's Focus — Pastor Andrea Wall

* "The Love of God" — STJ 44

Congregational Prayer — Alan Janzen

"All I Claim" - Miller — Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading — Pastor J Epp
Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message — **"Rooted in Hope, Sent in Love"** — Pastor J Epp

* "My hope is built on nothing less" — HWB 343

Announcements — Norm Yoder

Offering to God — Norm Yoder
Offertory — Sandra Quiring, Pianist

*Benediction — Pastor J Epp

*"Go in the Grace of the Lord" - Barnard — Chancel Choir

** 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 21:33-46

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his salves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vinyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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  - 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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