

Willow Springs Sunday Worship 9:30 am, *July 31, 2022*

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to Worship, Voices Together (purple) VT #869 and #959

Songs - Phil

Children's time - Anna

Scripture 1 Peter 1:22-2:10

Sermon Melded into a Special People

Song

Receiving New Members – A special welcome to Amy Cline from Mount Pleasant Mennonite of Iowa. Nathan and Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler from First Mennonite of Iowa City. Leah Landis from Morton. Response VT#961

Song

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times *“Lord, in your mercy”* respond with *“hear our prayer.”*

Offering Song

Announcements – Hymnsing: Sunday evening, July 31, 6 pm at the Sutter Barn at Illinois Mennonite Metamora.

-Church board meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 pm on Zoom.

-Please pick up bags and a list of contents for MCC school kits from the Mennonite Women table.

-All Tiskilwa Worship, August 7, 10:30 am at the Tiskilwa West Park. No gathering at our Willow Springs

- August 8 – November 8, Cal's sabbatical.

- All are invited to a carry in meal following this morning's worship service.

Sending VT# 1030

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

Masks are encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you are one who can wear a mask without m... encouraged to continue to wear one. As always, if you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join... abiding by our previous guidelines! Above all, let us show our love and respect for one another in what is still

1 Peter 1:22-2:10

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

² Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.