

# Willow Springs Sunday Worship Sept. 11, 2022 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

## Welcome and Call to Worship – Beth Gerig

L: A dry, lifeless speck blown by the wind settles to earth.

P: Sunlight, soil, rain.

**Roots! Shoots! Flowers! Fruit!**

L: Mysterious God, we marvel at the miracle of new life from seeds.

P: **We marvel that your kin-dom grows even while we sleep.**

L: Scatter your good seed in our hearts this day, O Spirit of God.

**All: Then let our hearts unfold like flowers before you, center of unbroken praise!**

## Songs - Phil

## Children's time – Eldon Eigsti

**Sermon: Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler "Parable of the \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_"**

**Focus :** The abundance of God's kin-dom comes about as God sows seed!

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## Song - Phil

## Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times "Lord, in your mercy" respond with "hear our prayer."

## Offering Song - Phil

## Announcements

- **Thursday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to noon** Hungry World Farm invites you to join in some farm beautification projects in preparation for our Harvest Festival. On we'll be trimming, weeding, and cleaning the upper campus around the Farm Learning Center. We'll provide a simple soup and salad lunch at noon. RSVP to [karla@hungryworldfarm.com](mailto:karla@hungryworldfarm.com) or 815.303.2667 so we can count you in on lunch.
- **Sept 17 10 a.m. Mennonites & Ukraine: Past & Present, IL Menno Heritage Center** - You do not need to be a member of IMHGS to attend. The meeting is at IL Mennonite Heritage Center, 675 IL State Route 116 Metamora IL. Call Mike Yoder at 309-361-8199 for more information.

- Sept. 24 **Harvest Fest at Hungry World Farm**, 2 – 5 pm Celebrate local food and agriculture. There will be fun for all ages, including hayrack rides, farm tours, a pumpkin painting contest, wreath making, samples of seasonal foods, local farm wares for sale, door prizes and more! Check out our website for a schedule of events: <https://www.hungryworldfarm.com/events/harvest-festival-1>
- Sept. 28 **Willow Springs annual meeting**, 7 pm at the church
- August 8 – November 8, Cal's sabbatical
- If you have announcements for this worship sheet, please contact Deb Borys at [borysd@yahoo.com](mailto:borysd@yahoo.com).

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Masks are encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom. Thank you for your consideration of others

## **Matthew 13:1-9 (NIV)**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

## **Matthew 13: 18-23**

18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 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. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 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. 22 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. 23 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.”