

Willow Springs Sunday Worship Sept. 18, 2022 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Today we join with our sisters and brothers in the global Anabaptist church family to celebrate Peace Sunday.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Karla Stoltzfus-Detweiller

We gather this day in the presence, Of the One who inspires hope.

Stir us from our paralysis, That we may get up and walk.

We gather this day in the presence, Of the One who enacts forgiveness.

Open our hearts, To receive your gift of grace.

We gather this day in the presence, Of the One who does the unimaginable.

Open us to wonder, So our mouths may declare your praise!

Songs - Phil

Children's time – Pam

Scripture: Luke 5:17-26 and Mark 2:1-12

Sermon: Anna Zehr: The Faith of Our Friends

Song #778– Phil

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Offering Song - Phil

Announcements

- **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
- **Saturday, Oct. 1: Menno Haven workday** Join us for fellowship, working, helping, and eating together RSVP: <https://www.mennohaven.com/work-day.html>
- **August 8 – November 8**, Cal's sabbatical

- If you have announcements for this worship sheet, please contact Deb Borys at borysd@yahoo.com.

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Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Mark 2:1-12

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"