

Willow Springs Sunday Worship Jan. 15, 2023. 9:30 am
Simulcast on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4743450556>
Meeting ID: 474 345 0556 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship, VT#851 – Jacob Landis

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scripture: Isaiah 49:8-13, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Peter 4:7-11

Sermon: The Gift: Vision, Live the Story

“I desire Willow Springs to be...” I imagine Willow Springs to be...”

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Offering Song

Announcements:

We have an **opportunity to serve** the Jr High group from Living Water Community Church, Chicago, in travel to Menno Haven's Winter Retreats, Jan. 20-22. Could you offer to give them a ride from the Princeton Amtrak to MH Friday evening or Sunday Noon? Please contact Cal.

This quarter we highlight the **ministries of MCC** with their impact around the world. Current MCCProject: **Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster.**

CALENDAR

January 17 Elders' Meeting 7:30 via zoom.

January 22 and 29 *Visioning in WS Mission*, in 75 minutes afternoon sessions after lunch. On the 22nd bring your own lunch meal and the 29th plan for a potluck.

Sending – VT#1062

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

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.

MCC Relief Kits Contents: (NEW items only)

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29 in x 60 in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8 in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)

1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Isaiah 49:8-13 Restoration of Israel

⁸ This is what the Lord says:

“In the time of my favor I will answer you,
and in the day of salvation I will help you;
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people,
to restore the land

and to reassign its desolate inheritances,

⁹ to say to the captives, ‘Come out,’
and to those in darkness, ‘Be free!’

“They will feed beside the roads
and find pasture on every barren hill.

¹⁰ They will neither hunger nor thirst,
nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them.

He who has compassion on them will guide them
and lead them beside springs of water.

¹¹ I will turn all my mountains into roads,
and my highways will be raised up.

¹² See, they will come from afar—
some from the north, some from the west,
some from the region of Aswan.”

¹³ Shout for joy, you heavens;
rejoice, you earth;
burst into song, you mountains!

For the Lord comforts his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Ephesians 2:1-10 Made Alive in Christ

² As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up

with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.