

## **Willow Springs Sunday Worship January 22, 2023. 9:30 am**

Simulcast on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4743450556>

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Hosted by Elaine Good

### **Welcome and Call to worship, VT#963 – Anna Zehr**

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Anna Zehr

**Scripture:** Psalm 23 VT#725, John 10:7-13, 22-30

### **Sermon: *Journey with Our Shepherd, an Awesome Gate***

“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:**

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 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#1050

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)

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

### **Further Conflict Over Jesus’ Claims**

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

**Mission Vision:** Willow Springs Mennonite Church is a thriving Anabaptist community of believers saved by grace who love and desire to follow Jesus Christ.

We celebrate life together through  
joyful worship,  
faithful study,  
intentional sharing of the Gospel, and compassionate caring and  
service to others.

**Values:** How will we be thinking and acting?

Prayerfully, Faithfully, Intentionally, Compassionately, Enthusiastically and joyfully!