

Willow Springs Sunday Worship January 29, 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#854 – Anna Zehr

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Anna Zehr

Scripture: Matthew 9:1-13, 35-38

Sermon: *With Jesus: In H and H - T, P, H!*

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

TODAY *Visioning in WS Mission*, in 75 minutes afternoon sessions after lunch.

February 13-16 Cal to AMBS Pastors' Week.

February 19 – MCC Speaker

February 27 – Our Table provisions from WS.

Sending – VT#908

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)

Matthew 9:1-13

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

9 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ 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, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

The Calling of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:35-38

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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!