

## **Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, June 18, 2023. 9:30 am**

**Welcome and Call to worship** – Boo Graham

Call to worship – Voices Together (VT) #1041

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**50 Cent Offering/Song**

**Children's time** – Connie Kauffman

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:7-24

**Sermon:** Symphony of Love

**Songs**

**Sharing/Pastoral prayer** After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.”

**Song**

**Announcements:**

**Happy Father's Day** to our fathers and those who have guided us as fathers on our spiritual journey!

We are again passing the globe banks as a reminder of all of us doing our part in world hunger. **The 50 Cent offering** will be shared with the Bureau County Food Pantry and Mennonite Central Committee.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for this month is the **Bureau County Food Pantry**. If you would like to give to the pantry write a check to Willow Springs with the organization's name included on the Memo line. Thank you for supporting organizations connected to the Mennonite Church.

Cal plans to travel to Waverly, Iowa for a reunion next weekend.

**CALENDAR**

**June 18** - Please fill out your 2023-24 Discernment Sheet.

**Sending** – VT#1054

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

# 1 John 3:7-24

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

## More on Love and Hatred

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup> if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

If you have upper respiratory symptoms or Covid-like symptoms please stay home and join by Zoom. Masks are optional in our building. Wash hands often. Stay hydrated. Thank you for your consideration of others.

**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.

We lift before you, all the farmers

We lift before you all the farmers  
that their hope might grow in you.  
Yet we know the deep, deep struggles  
to find fruitful plans anew.

Trials come in varied weather,  
prices, and a trade war too.

May they know in all the struggle  
there are steps to walk on through.  
Oh we face a lack of rainfall  
for our plants to live and thrive.  
So we wonder of a harvest,  
yet we know we will survive.  
We depend upon creation  
still our hope is in You.  
So in drought or gentle rainfall,  
we extend our trust in You.

Thank you Lord for all the farmers  
with their work they look to you.  
Let them sense that you are with them  
on the path that is your love.  
Also, help them know of caring, prayers,  
concern, hope that we share,  
All the weight from farming practice  
we desire you to bear.

With the tune from "Come, thou fount," NETTELTON, Voices Together,#563,  
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