

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, July 2, 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 – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Call to worship – Sing the Journey (SJ) #189

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time - Marilyn Eigsti

Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6

Sermon: Test the spirits...

Songs

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

Song

Announcements:

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 **Hungry World Farm**. If you would like to give to HWF 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.

CALENDAR

July 9 - WS and guests, Menno Haven Activities: Picnic at 12:30 in the pavilion at the campground. Bring your own food, table service and drink. **Swimming** from 2:00-3:30 pm. Those who are not Menno Haven Association members cost - \$10.00/ individual; \$30.00/ family, which is the day fee. By paying the day fee we are able to utilize other areas of camp, as well.

July 30 – Carry-in meal, Detweiler Farewell.

Sending – SJ# 195 - Journey in Peace!

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

1 John 4:1-6

4 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Test the spirits...

1. Testing

The spirits =
attitudes =
prevailing ideas

The Test

1. What does this spirit say about God and Jesus, the Son?

1. What does it say about people and how they should be relating with others?

1. How does it suggest we should live?

2. Remembering

You are from God!
We have overcome them!

3. Knowing

...not many spirits ...but, Jesus Christ
...and holding on only to God, in Jesus Christ!

The Spirit of Jesus – GPS - God's Positioning Spirit

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!