

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, July 16, 2023. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Eldon Eigsti

Welcome and Call to worship – Pam Kaufmann

Call to worship – Sing the Journey #126

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time - Pam Kaufmann

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

Sermon/Reflections – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Bethany Masters and Heather Munn

Creation is groaning. We see evidence of this all around with extreme weather, vanishing species, and human disease. How do we find hope as creation groans? How does Hungry World Farm foster hope amidst the groaning of creation?

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.

*School supplies are in the stores! It's time to compile **School Kits** to send to children in places where school supplies are difficult to afford. Please pick up cloth bags and a list of supplies from the Mennonite Women table. Join the **School Kit Challenge** and help MCC collect 10,000 kits in August!*

Carol and Cal are on vacation through next Saturday.

CALENDAR

July 18 – Hungry World Farm Pizza Night.

July 30 – Carry-in meal, Detweiler Farewell.

August 6 - All Tiskilwa Worship at the West Park, 10:30 am

August 22 – Hungry World Farm Pizza Night

August 27 – Service of Lament 7:00pm

Sending – Voices Together #1059

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

Our suffering and our hope

18 I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. **19** The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. **20** Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. **22** We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. **23** And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. **24** We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? **25** But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

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!