

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

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Hosted by Elaine Good

**Welcome and Call to worship** – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Call to worship – Voices Together (VT) #185

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**50 Cent Offering/Song**

**Children's time** - Marilyn Eigsti

**Scripture:** Psalm 80:14-19, John 15:1-17

**Sermon:** "I call you, Friends!"

**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!*

**TODAY** - All are invited to stay for a **carry in meal after worship** followed by a farewell for Karla, Nathan, Isaiah and Mahala as they will move to Iowa.

**ROAD CLOSED** - A bridge will be replaced on 1725 E St (The golf course road) starting tomorrow for a few weeks. Plan accordingly to get to Willow Springs the next two Sundays.

**The Service of Lament** planned for 7:00 Sunday evening, **August 27** is in response to the report of sexual abuse happening at Willow Springs many years ago. The initial focus will be on this reported occurrence at Willow Springs. Other situations in our lives or in our world calling for lament will be

addressed also. Written suggestions for songs, scriptures, poems, readings, reflections that you would like to offer for use in the service are encouraged. Please get these to Dennis by email or paper copy by Sunday, August 20th. Also, contact Dennis if you have questions.

## CALENDAR

**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** – VT#1002 Go in peace!

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

### Psalm 80:14-19

<sup>14</sup> Return to us, God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

<sup>15</sup> the root your right hand has planted,

the son you have raised up for yourself.

<sup>16</sup> Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;

at your rebuke your people perish.

<sup>17</sup> Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

<sup>18</sup> Then we will not turn away from you;

revive us, and we will call on your name.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us, Lord God Almighty;

make your face shine on us,

that we may be saved.

### John 15:1-17 The Vine and the Branches

<sup>15</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.