

## **Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, August 20, 2023. 9:30 am**

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Hosted by Elaine Good

### **Welcome and Call to worship – Anna Zehr**

Call to worship – Voices Together (VT)#854

Prayer – VT#998

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**50 Cent Offering/Song**

**Children's time** - Beth Gerig

**Back to school blessing** – Cal Zehr

**Scripture:** 1 John 5:1-12

**Sermon:** By Faith in the Son brings LIFE

**Song**

**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 **Seed of Hope Farm**. **Steve Graham will share about SOH Farm during worship next Sunday**. If you would like to give to SOH 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.

Mennonite Women is wrapping up the **MCC school kit** collection. Please bring in any completed kits or extra components by Sunday, August 27. Thanks so much for your contributions to children in need around the world!

**ROAD CLOSED** - A bridge will be replaced on 1725 E St (The golf course road) for a few weeks, may be a few months. Who knows? Plan accordingly to get to Willow Springs until the road opens.

Please see the **2023-24 Sunday School and Church Office Ballot** on the bulletin board. One position needs to be filled yet. Plan for affirmation on Sunday, September 3.

**Fionah and Julius will arrive in Tiskilwa on August 23.** Fionah (Kansiima Fionah Mugisa) is an MCC IVEPer from Uganda who will volunteer at Hungry World Farm for eleven months. She will be hosted by Connie and Elvin, and Carol and Cal. Julius Malin is from the UK and is a PhD student at Basil University, Basil, Switzerland. He will be collecting PhD Fieldwork from us and Hungry World Farm for three weeks.

**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

**August 22** – Hungry World Farm Pizza Night

**August 27** – Service of Lament 7:00pm

**September 30** – Wilma Potts Committal/am, Margaret Gale Memorial Service/3:30pm

**Sending** – VT#1054 Go in peace!

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

# 1 John 5:1-12

## Faith in the Incarnate Son of God

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.