

Willow Springs Worship, Easter Season

April 7, 2024. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Cal Zehr

Call to worship VT#854

Prayer VT#994

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scriptures – Romans 8:18-25

Sharing by Fionah Kansiime

Songs

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

Announcements:

Thanks to Fionah Kansiime from Kampala, Uganda for sharing with us this morning. Fionah is an IVEPer with Mennonite Central Committee volunteering at Hungry World Farm using her forestry background in various projects around the farm.

Thank you to all who helped with cleaning the church building in March! This Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 to 12:00 there will be a **second work day** at Willow Springs to continue the good clean up work we started. Come join us as we organize, get rid of things, and connect with each other!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for April is Second Story youth ministry in Princeton . If you would like to give to Second Story, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

Our church building desperately needs a **new roof** sooner than later. We plan for a new steel, hidden fastener roof to last for decades to come. Hopefully it will be installed next month! If you would like to give to the project, please mark your check – Building Fund.

CALENDAR

April 10 Elders' Meeting

April 12, 18, 26 HWF Pizza Night 5-8 pm

April 13 WS Cleanup 8:30 to Noon.

Sending: VT#1059

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

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.