

Willow Springs Worship

June 23, 2024. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Ellie Gale

Call to worship: Sing the Journey #120

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Pam Kaufmann

Scripture – 1 Sam. 20:1-17,

Matthew 22:34-40

Carol Gale

Sermon David and Who?

Self Love Impact

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Song

Announcements:

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for June is Seed of Hope Farm. If you would like to give to the organization, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

Dennis, Ellen and family will host a very informal **open house this afternoon** from 3:00 to 6:00. Come connect with Luke and Ceci, his wife, and chat with any and all who come. We don't have the wherewithal at this time of year to put out a big spread, but we will have some snacky foods. Please bring your own lawn chair and plate, if convenient.

Fionah will be leaving the Tiskilwa area on July 5. The church board affirms giving her a **Love Gift** of money as a departure gift. Fionah plans to buy a laptop for her studies and future projects. She plans

to travel back to Uganda and then hopes to begin to work on a Master's Degree in the UK and develop a farm in Uganda.

If you want to give, please write a check to the church and put "Love Gift" on the memo line and place it in the offering or treasurer mailbox before June 24th.

CALENDAR

June 25 Church Board Meeting

June 26 Elders' Meeting

June 30 Farewell for Fionah after a carry-in meal following worship.

4:00 pm See Fionah's Hungry World Farm projects and S'mores.
HWF Farmstead.

June 30 Julius arrives

Sending: SJ#159

Sending Song: The Lord Lift You Up VT#832

Go in Peace!

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

1 Samuel 20:1-17 David and Jonathan

20 Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?"

2 "Never!" Jonathan replied. "You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn't do anything, great or small, without letting me know. Why would he hide this from me? It isn't so!"

3 But David took an oath and said, "Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, 'Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.' Yet as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death."

4 Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you."

5 So David said, "Look, tomorrow is the New Moon feast, and I am supposed to dine with the king; but let me go and hide in the field until the evening of the day after tomorrow. 6 If your father misses me at all, tell him, 'David earnestly asked my permission to hurry to Bethlehem, his hometown, because an annual sacrifice is being made there for his whole clan.' 7 If he says, 'Very well,' then your servant is safe. But if he loses his temper, you can be sure that he is determined to harm me.

8 As for you, show kindness to your servant, for you have brought him into a covenant with you before the LORD. If I am guilty, then kill me yourself! Why hand me over to your father?"

9 "Never!" Jonathan said. "If I had the least inkling that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn't I tell you?"

10 David asked, "Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?"

11 "Come," Jonathan said, "let's go out into the field." So they went there together.

12 Then Jonathan said to David, "I swear by the LORD, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send

you word and let you know? 13 But if my father intends to harm you, may the LORD deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. 14 But show me unfailing kindness like the LORD's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, 15 and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth.”

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David's enemies to account.” 17 And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

Matthew 22:34-40

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Think of Jonathan's Example of Healthy Self-Love:

A - Jonathan Knew His Worth in God's Purposes.

+By the Spirit - We must find our worth not in our accomplishments or status but in God's love and purposes for us and all.

B - Setting Healthy Boundaries brought Jonathan to healthy self love - Jonathan navigates the treacherous waters of loyalty to his father and his friendship with David.

+By the Spirit, loving ourselves means setting healthy boundaries in our relationships. It's okay to step back from harmful situations or people, even if they are close to us.

C - Jonathan's actions are driven by integrity.

+By the Spirit, True self-love is living a life of integrity, where our actions align with our values and God's commands.

D - Jonathan lived in Valuing Deep and Meaningful Relationships.

+By the Spirit, we invest in relationships that uplift and encourage you. Surround yourself with people who reflect God's love and truth.

In the deep love of Jesus, I love my self!

Affirm to yourself: **I am an incredibly special creation made by of God.**

I am a person of new life, in Jesus.

I abide with God.

I love the LORD, my self and others.

I am not far from the Kingdom.