

# Willow Springs Worship

August 25, 2024. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

## Welcome and Call to worship

Voices Together #869 - Carol Zehr

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Beth Gerig

**Scriptures** – Philippians 2:1-11,  
Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37

**Sermon** - *In Christ - Common  
Love, Mind, Stuff*

## Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

## Song

## Announcements:

**Next Sunday, September 1**, we have a retirement from full-time ministry recognition of Cal as our pastor. Bryan Miller, Pastor of Roanoke Mennonite and a part of the IMC Conference Minister team will be preaching.

**Plan for a carry-in meal following worship.**

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for August is the Bureau County Food Pantry. 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.

**It's MCC school kit time!** Please pick up bags and fill them with the following:

- \* 4 spiral notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in. and 70 sheets)
- \* 8 new unsharpened pencils
- \* 1 ruler (good quality, 30 cm. Markings)
- \* 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- \* 1 large eraser
- \* 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

# CALENDAR

August 26 - Our Table

August 28 – Elders' Meeting.

September 1 – Cal's Retirement Recognition.

Carry-in meal.

September 8 – WS Annual Meeting. Bring your own lunch. Child care will be provided. Would you like to have your children use the childcare? Please contact Dennis Zehr. Would you like to provide child care? Contact Dennis.

September 30 – Cal's last day.

**Sending: VT #1056**

**Sending Song VT#832**

Today is the last Sunday in our fiscal year ending on Saturday, August 31.

Online giving option:

<https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

**Philippians 2:1-11 Imitating Christ's Humility**

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>□</sup> God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature<sup>□</sup> of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

#### **Acts 4:32-37 The Believers Share Their Possessions**

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. <sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Peter Reiedemann in the Hutterite Confession of Faith writes, "All believers have fellowship in holy things, that is in God. He has given them all things in his Son, Christ Jesus. Just as Christ has nothing for himself, since all he has is for us too, no members of Christ's body should possess any gift for themselves or for their own sake. Instead, all should be consecrated for the whole body, for all members. This is so because Christ also did not bring his gifts for one individual or the other, but for everyone, for the whole body." p119