

Willow Springs Worship

August 18, 2024. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship - Carol Zehr

Jesus invites us to grow in the Spirit and in following Him. We listen to Jesus this day, *“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.”*

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children’s time – Pam Kaufmann

Scriptures – Acts 2:38-47, Phil. 4:6-7,
1 Thess. 5:16-18

Sermon - *Prayer*
- *Remain in me and I in You*

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Song

Announcements:

Our sympathies to Elaine Good in the passing of her father, Walter. Visitation will be held tomorrow, August 19, 5-7pm and a funeral service August 20, 10:00am at Hopedale Mennonite Church.

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: Voices Together #1056

**Sending Song VT#830 Sent Forth
by God's Blessing**

Online giving option:

<https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

Acts 2:38-47 ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Prayer - Remain in me and I in You

+ the POWER OF THE KINGDOM

+ PERSON OF JESUS - there is no guessing here.

+ PLACE OF INTIMACY WITH GOD - Oh how Jesus loves us and wants to walk deeper in our lives. We know Abba/Daddy

+ PERMANENCE IN PRAYER - Pray continually.

+ PRACTICALITY OF PRAYER - Start the day, have reminders throughout the day.

EACH DAY NEEDS A START IN PRAYER

Prayer for the Beginning of the Day - "O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace, help me in all things to rely on your holy will. In every hour of the day reveal your will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all. In all my deeds and words, guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by You. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray. And, Yourself, pray in me. Through Jesus Christ, Amen."

PRAY CONTINUALLY 1 THESS. 5:17 in calling out to God with the JESUS PRAYER. Breath prayer.
"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner."

ACTS to guide prayer

Adoration - Praising God, seeing and naming the wonders of God...

Confession - Acknowledge fears, sin, short comings, brokenness...

Thanksgiving - for who God is, God's forgiveness, love, truth, Holy Spirit in others

Supplication - Ask God to guide you in wisdom, daily bread...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAY THE PSALMS

Read a Psalm.

Take the themes and use them to guide your thoughts and prayer them.

BE STILL AND REST AND LISTEN

SILENCE

CONTEMPLATION

EXAMEN

FREE PRAYER

WRITTEN PRAYERS

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

GROUP PRAYER

SINGING PRAYER

REMINDERS FOR PRAYER - Items in the car, house and pocket.