

Willow Springs Worship

September 1, 2024. 9:30 am

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Meeting ID: 474 345 0556 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Welcome and Call to worship

Voices Together #851 - Cal Zehr

Prayer #861

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scriptures – John 15:9-17, 1 John 4:7-12

Sermon - *God's Love Mission Accomplished*

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Cal's Pastoral Journey – Jenna Zehr

Prayer of Blessing – Dennis Zehr

Song

Announcements:

Welcome to our worship as we recognize Cal's retirement from full-time ministry. Special thanks to Bryan Miller, a Pastor of Roanoke Mennonite and a part of the IMC Conference Minister team for preaching this morning!

(Today is his first day for IMC!)

Plan for a carry-in meal following worship.

A retirement recognition of Cal as our pastor will be held following lunch.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for September is the Aruka. 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

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 #1050

Sending Song VT#832

Online giving option:

<https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

John 15:9-17 Jesus teaching - The Voice

Jesus: ⁹I have loved you as the Father has loved Me. Abide in My love. ¹⁰Follow My example in obeying the Father's commandments and receiving His love. If you obey My commandments, you will stay in My love. ¹¹I want you to know the delight I experience, to find ultimate satisfaction, which is why I am telling you all of this.

¹²My commandment to you is this: love others as I have loved you. ¹³There is no greater way to love than to give your life for your friends. ¹⁴You celebrate our friendship if you obey this command. ¹⁵I don't call you servants any longer; servants don't know what the master is doing, but I have told you everything the Father has said to Me. I call you friends. ¹⁶You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done. ¹⁷This is My command to you: love one another.

1 John 4:7-12 The Voice

7 My loved ones, let us devote ourselves to loving one another. Love comes straight from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and truly knows God. **8** Anyone who does

not love does not know God, because God is love.**9** Because of this, the love of God is a reality among us: God sent His only Son into the world so that we could find *true* life through Him. **10** This is *the embodiment of true* love: not that we have loved God *first*, but that He loved us and sent His *unique* Son *on a special mission* to become an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** So, my loved ones, if God loved us so *sacrificially*, surely we should love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God *with human eyes*; but if we love one another, God *truly* lives in us. Consequently God's love has accomplished its mission among us.