

Welcome and Call to worship

Voice Together #1048 Anna Zehr

Songs - Ellen Davis Zehr

In The Bulb There is a Flower VT#670

Beyond a Dying Sun VT#416

There is more Love Somewhere VT#804

Let the Children Come to Me #512

Children's time – Marilyn Eigsti

Scriptures – Romans 5:1-8, 8:18-25,
1 Corinthians 13:13

Sermon - Hour Glass:
Time to Come with Hope

Songs - Soon and Very Soon VT#669

My Hope is Built VT#621

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Song

Announcements:

We affirm the **2024-25 Willow Springs Sunday School and Church Office affirmation ballot** today. Thanks for creating Willow Springs with your gifts and energy!

Join Menno Haven Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 & 2 from 8-4 for their Fall Work Days! Come volunteer, meet others who love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information talk to Deb, and sign up at mennohaven.com/work-day. We'd love to see you here!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for September is the Aruka. Someone from Aruka will be sharing with us on October 6. 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.

CALENDAR

September 25 – Elders' Meeting

September 30 – Cal retires from full time ministry.

Sending: VT#1010

Online giving option:

Romans 5:1-8 Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

4 perseverance, character;

and character, hope.

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:18-25

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[h] 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.

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.