

Willow Springs Worship

January 26, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #869 – Anna Zehr

Prayer VT #862

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Pam Kaufmann

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 3:1-13

Sermon – Grant Miller

Living Like the Early Church

Songs

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song

Announcements

Sending

My siblings, as we end our worship together, let us keep our hearts turned to God. Have the mind of Christ, free to live in love.

Walk the Jesus way to cross dividing lines.

Live in love and peace in our fellowship in Jesus Christ.

May love and understanding be in our hearts and the world.

May peace and friendship be a place of refuge for us amid storms.

May we have the power to speak the truth, proclaim peace, and be compassionate.

May we experience inspiration in the Holy Spirit, blessings and love from God, and peace from Jesus Christ so that we can join in bringing righteousness, justice, and community to the world.

Amen.

Wish each other peace, one to each other: The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

-Adapted from Pastor Danang Kristiawan, GITJ Jepara (Gereja Injili di Tanah Jawa), Jepara, Indonesia, "Liturgies for Gathering and Benediction," Mennonite World Conference

Sending Song

Calendar

Feb. 2 Input by WS people

Feb. 9 Input by Ashley Litwiller

Thank you to Grant Miller for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for January is Freedom House. If you would like to give to the organization, write a check to Willow Springs and **make a notation on the memo line**. Thank you for supporting organizations ministering to many.

January 21, 2025 marked the 500th anniversary of the first re-baptism event that started the Anabaptist movement. This Sunday's focus in the Anabaptism at 500 Commemoration is "Renewal through Story." Throughout the Bible, we see many examples of how people used storytelling to shape a collective identity. Understanding our story and acknowledging how we have been formed helps us understand where and who we are. Poet, author, and civil rights activist Maya Angelou said in an interview with the Academy of Achievement, "You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been." How do we hold our stories? How do we share our stories as a community in meaningful ways? Where have we been as an Anabaptist tradition? And how does a deeper awareness of our past help us understand where we are and where we are going?

Thank you to all who provided transportation between the Amtrak station and Menno Haven for the Living Water youth groups!

Volunteers are needed to staff a warming center in Princeton. It's called The Refuge and it is headed up by Arukah. Four people are needed to cover the night, two people at a time. Shifts are from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am and 2:00 am to 8:00 am. You can contact Tammi Lanxon or Steve and Boo Graham in order to sign up. Arukah is having difficulty finding enough volunteers to keep it staffed.

Hungry World Farm is in the process of renovating the lower apartment of the Alpha House and would be grateful for painting volunteers on **Feb 8th and Feb 15th, 9am-4pm**. The focus of both days will be painting ceilings, walls and trim. Let James Nicholson know if you plan on coming so he can plan accordingly. Thanks!

1/10 transitional pastor update: The Elders met with IMC minister Bryan Miller and learned of a potential candidate who may consider coming to Willow Springs in July. Though only a possibility, this is hopeful! Bryan also shared an alternative option of two consulting groups that help with transition, which could be another possibility to pursue. If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders.

Anabaptism at 500 Events:
Hesston College Music Department |
Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival.
Watch the recording online [here](#).

MennoMedia | [Anabaptism at 500 Anniversary Celebration](#) | College Mennonite Church, Goshen. **Watch the recording online [here](#).**

Follow the Anabaptism at 500 [Facebook page](#) for more updates on other events. As a part of the Anabaptist Community Bible being released, Menno Media and Mennonite World Conference collaborated by creating a Bible Read-a-ton. Check out the recordings of Anabaptists from all over the world reading through the entire Bible!

If pastoral care is needed, please contact an Elder: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Pam Kaufmann, or Elvin Krabill

1 Corinthians 3:1-13

The Church and Its Leaders

3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? 4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. 9 For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.