

Willow Springs Worship

February 9, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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Dial by your location (Chicago): +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 587 984 3427

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #877 – Beth Gerig

Prayer VT #999

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Scriptures – Psalm 146, Luke 19:1-10 (CEB)

Sermon – Ashley Litwiller

Contagiously Calm

Songs

VT #555 Lord I Am Fondly Earnestly Longing

VT #420 God of the Bible

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #1067

Calendar

Feb. 12 Elders meeting

Feb. 13 Church Board meeting, 7:30 pm

Feb. 14 Mennonite Women, 9:30 am

Feb. 15 Soup and Games! 4:00-8:00 pm

Feb. 16 Worship: Anabaptist Prayer Book

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for February is Menno Haven. 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.

Saturday, February 15th, 4-8pm come to church for Soup and Games! Bring your favorite game to play. Soup will be served at 6:00. Sign up at the library table if you think you will come or text Beth Gerig this week (815-303-1504). We would like to have an idea of how much soup to make.

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 15th, 9am-4pm**. The focus will be painting ceilings, walls and trim. Let James Nicholson know if you plan on coming so he can plan accordingly. Thanks! His email is: james.nicholson@hungryworldfarm.com

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 at 815-866-9557 or Steve and Boo Graham in order to sign up. Arukah is having difficulty finding enough volunteers to keep it staffed.

1/26 transitional pastor update: The Elders will meet with a potential transitional pastor candidate on February 12 via Zoom. If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders. Continue to pray that we find someone who is a good fit for the Willow Springs congregation.

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

Psalm 146

146 Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being[a] praise the Lord!

2 I will praise the Lord with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

3 Don't trust leaders;
don't trust any human beings—
there's no saving help with them!

4 Their breath leaves them,
then they go back to the ground.
On that very same day, their plans die too.

5 The person whose help is the God of Jacob—
the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—
is truly happy!

6 God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
God: who is faithful forever,

7 who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!
The Lord: who frees prisoners.

8 The Lord: who makes the blind see.
The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.
The Lord: who loves the righteous.!

9 The Lord: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

10 The Lord will rule forever!
Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the Lord!

Luke 19:1-10

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. 2 A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." 6 So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

7 Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

8 Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 The Human One[\[a\]](#) came to seek and save the lost."