

Willow Springs Worship

February 16, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Call to Praise

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #985 – Beth Gerig

Psalm 40

Thanksgiving

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – James Nicholson

Recognition and Blessing – Elders

Call to Discipleship

Scriptures

Gospel Reading – John 14:5-21

Epistle Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

Silence then spoken reflection on the readings.

Songs – Children dismissed for Sunday School

Reading – Zechariah's song

Call to Intercession

Sharing and prayer – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Song

Announcements

Benediction

Reflection Questions:

What stood out to you in this scripture?

What thoughts, feelings, or emotions do you have, after hearing this passage?

What questions are you sitting with?

Today we are using *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* to guide our worship time. VT #985 is a modified morning prayer from this book. The format of this way of praying and worship is a three-fold pattern of praising, listening, and responding: Call to praise, Call to discipleship, and Call to intercession. The congregation is encouraged to participate in this service by reading a scripture passage and sharing your reflections following the scripture readings.

Calendar

Feb. 23 Worship: Menno Haven Sunday - Sharing by WS people

March 1 IMC Annual Assembly, 10:00 am

March 2 Worship: MCC Sunday - Sharing by WS people

March 14-15 IL Mennonite Relief Sale

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.

The Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Annual Assembly is on Saturday, March 1 from 10:00-3:00 at Menno Haven. This year author of *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*, Dr. Drew Strait will bring the message. All are welcome to attend. Please register and let Anna know if you plan to attend. More information and registration can be found online [here](#).

Anna Zehr will be attending the Pastors and Leaders Conference at AMBS this week, Feb. 17-20.

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.

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

**The work installing the new church roof is
finished and has been completely paid for!
Thank you to all who gave towards this very
large expense! Thank you to all the workers
who completed this work! Praise the Lord!**