

# Willow Springs Worship

## Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship Leader – Carol Gale

One: On this Pentecost Sunday, we welcome the howling Spirit,

**All:** *who brings peace.*

One: We receive the fierce Spirit,

**All:** *who leads us to gentleness.*

One: We are surprised by the sudden Spirit movement

**All:** *that opens a patient place within us.*

One: We wait with expectation for the fire of the Spirit

**All:** *to kindle a bright spark of faithfulness.*

One: The Spirit among us flames with kindness.

**All:** *She alights on each of us with joy,*

One: fills us with God's goodness,

**All:** *forms us into people who act with intention and wisdom.*

One: In the power of the Spirit, let us speak the language of love

**All:** *in this sacred space of worship.*

### Songs – Marilyn and Ellen

VT 57 Holy Spirit, Come With Power

VT 377 New Earth, Heavens New

### Drama “Be Church”

**Song** – You Gotta Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

### Drama “Speak Up”

**Scriptures** – Acts 8:4-8, 26-40, Galatians 5:22-26, Luke 11:11-13

### Reflection – Anna Zehr

*Holy Spirit: A Gift to be Shared*

**Song** – VT 374 There Are Many Gifts

**Sharing and prayer** – Elvin Krabill

**Song** – VT 373 As the Wind Song through the Trees

### Announcements

**Sending** – As we leave this space, may we be carried by the winds of the howling, fierce, fiery Spirit. May she guide us toward gentleness, patience, and kindness and make us brave and confident to follow where she leads, spreading the flames of love, joy, and peace to all we meet.

### Calendar

June 11 Elders meeting, 7:00 pm

June 13 Mennonite Women, 9:30 am

June 15 Input by Jay Wittmeyer

June 22 Input by Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Thank you to all who helped in so many different ways to make VBS such a good experience for our children and for the whole congregation!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for May/June is Hungry World Farm ([HWF](#)). 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.

Everence Resources:

- Learn about Medicare - Deciding how and when to enroll in Medicare is one of the most significant decisions you will make about your health care as you move toward retirement. Take time to learn the facts. [Learn more.](#)

- How to use private student loans to fund college. Free Everence webinar Tues., June 10. [Learn more.](#)

3/16 transitional pastor update: Pastor Phil Waite will join us in mid-July, to assist as we discern what comes next for Willow Springs. This process will require time, thought and energy. We hope all of you will be willing to put in this energy. We have

work ahead of us! If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders.

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

### **Galatians 5:22-26 NRSV**

#### *The Fruit of the Spirit*

**22** By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. **24** And those who belong to Christ[e] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

### **Luke 11:11-13 NRSV**

**11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for[e] a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? **13** If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit[f] to those who ask him!"

### **Prayer**

Divine Creator, who is with us in times of abundance and lack, we thank you.

We know you as the sower of seeds, the nurturer of life, and the sustainer of every season.

In times of plenty, you remind us to share with open hands, and in times of need, you show us that your grace is always enough.

Holy Spirit, pour into us the fruits you have promised:

May love blossom within us when hate seeks to take root.

May joy rise in us amid our sorrow.

May peace be our guide when chaos surrounds us.

May patience stretch wide within us when the weight of waiting feels unbearable.

May kindness flow from our hearts when the world feels harsh and unkind.

May goodness ground us when temptation whispers otherwise.

May faithfulness keep us steady when doubt clouds our vision.

May gentleness soften our spirits when life feels rigid and rough.

And may self-control reign in us when our impulses try to rule.

God, who waters the seeds you have planted in us, let our lives reflect your harvest.

May the fruits of your Spirit bear witness to your presence in us,

that we might nourish the world with your love and generosity. Amen.