

# Willow Springs Worship

July 27, 2025 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together 866 – Sarah Foss  
Prayer VT 1000

**Songs** – Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Ellen Davis-Zehr

**Scripture** – Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

**Sermon** – Eric Potter

*From Trust to Control and Back Again*

**Songs**

**Sharing and prayer** – Pam Kaufmann

**Song**

**Announcements**

**Sending** – VT 1056

**Sending Song**

## Calendar

Aug. 3 All Tiskilwa Church Service 10:30 am  
Aug. 3-17 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa  
Aug. 10, 17 Phil Waite Preaching

Thank you to Eric Potter for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for July is Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary ([AMBS](#)). 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.

**Next Sunday, August 3**, we will join in worship at West Park in Tiskilwa for the All Tiskilwa Church Service at 10:30 am. There will not be a worship service held in our church building next Sunday.

It's time for the MCC school kit challenge to provide essential school supplies to children in need around the world, helping them access education and fostering a love of learning. The Mennonite Women would like to prepare at least 40 kits this year. We especially need spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in); with approx. 70 sheets each. Donations would be appreciated. Watch for news of a kit-assembling party soon.

**Everence Youth Savings Celebration** August 4-6, 2025: Start your savings adventure at Everence Federal Credit Union, where youth will receive \$5 when they deposit at least \$15 into a new or existing youth savings account during this special event. Will you visit the EFCU branch in Goshen IN? Stop in to enjoy crafts, snacks, and giveaways—plus, pick up a Youth Rewards Program Points Tracker to begin earning points toward exciting prizes! You may also join online or by mail from July 30 through August 13. Learn more at [everence.com/youth-savings-celebration](https://everence.com/youth-savings-celebration). Check your mailbox for info. Questions? ask Elaine Good for details.

Volunteers are needed for doing the children's time and helping with children's Sunday School. **Please talk to Beth Gerig to sign up to help out in these roles throughout the summer!**

Check out the historical photos in the library to see the church building throughout its history and the changes that have been made to it, including digging a basement underneath part of the existing building!

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

## **Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 NIV**

### *Faith or Works of the Law*

**3** You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. **2** I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? **3** Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?<sup>[a]</sup> **4** Have you experienced<sup>[b]</sup> so much in vain—if it really was in vain? **5** So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? **6** So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”<sup>[c]</sup>

**7** Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. **8** Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”<sup>[d]</sup> **9** So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

### *Children of God*

**23** Before the coming of this faith,<sup>[a]</sup> we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. **24** So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. **25** Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

**26** So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.