

# Willow Springs Worship

July 6, 2025 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #109 – Carol Gale  
Prayer VT #922

## Songs – Marilyn and Ellen

VT 420 God of the Bible

VT 111 10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

VT 512 Let the Children Come

## Children's time – Anna Zehr

## Scripture – Psalm 145, James 5 NIV

## Reflecting on God's Steadfastness

## Song – VT 605 My Life Flows On

## Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

## Song – VT160 What a Fellowship

## Announcements

## Sending – VT #1068

## Sending Song – VT 832 The Lord Lift You Up

## Calendar

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| July 8-12 | MC USA Convention, Follow Jesus '25,<br>Learn more <a href="#">here</a> |
| July 11   | Mennonite Women, 9:30 am  |
| July 13   | Input by Holly Zehr   |
| July 16   | Church Board, 7:30 pm   |
| July 17   | Elders meeting, 7:00 pm   |
| July 20   | Carry-in meal welcoming Phil Waite                                      |

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.

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.

The June edition of the Illinois Mennonite Conference monthly newsletter "Fabric" was emailed out with the most recent Rooted Together.

On the table in between the elevator and the stairs there are two sign up sheets, one for doing children's time and one for being a helper for children's Sunday School. **Please 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!

6/15 transitional pastor update: Pastor Phil Waite plans to arrive July 15, attending meetings that week and preaching on Sunday, July 20. We will have a carry-in meal, with lasagna (meat and vegetarian), bread, and ice cream with toppings provided. Please bring salads and vegetable dishes to share. We welcome Phil as he assists us in discerning 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

## Psalm 145 NIV

*A psalm of praise. Of David.*

- 1 I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- 4 One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.

- 5** They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.<sup>[b]</sup>
- 6** They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7** They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8** The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9** The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10** All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.
- 11** They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,  
**12** so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all  
generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.<sup>[c]</sup>

- 14** The LORD upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- 15** The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- 16** You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 17** The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.
- 18** The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
- 19** He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.
- 20** The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21** My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

#### **James 5 NIV**      *Warning to Rich Oppressors*

**5** Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail  
because of the misery that is coming on you. **2** Your  
wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your  
clothes. **3** Your gold and silver are corroded. Their  
corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh  
like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.  
**4** Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers  
who mowed your fields are crying out against you.  
The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears  
of the Lord Almighty. **5** You have lived on earth in  
luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened  
yourselves in the day of slaughter.<sup>[a]</sup> **6** You have  
condemned and murdered the innocent one, who  
was not opposing you.

#### *Patience in Suffering*

**7** Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the  
Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the  
land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for  
the autumn and spring rains. **8** You too, be patient  
and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.  
**9** Don't grumble against one another, brothers and  
sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing  
at the door!

**10** Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience  
in the face of suffering, take the prophets who  
spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** As you know, we  
count as blessed those who have persevered. You  
have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen  
what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full  
of compassion and mercy.

**12** Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not  
swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything  
else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No."  
Otherwise you will be condemned.

#### *The Prayer of Faith*

**13** Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14**  
Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders  
of the church to pray over them and anoint them  
with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer  
offered in faith will make the sick person well; the  
Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they  
will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to  
each other and pray for each other so that you may  
be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is  
powerful and effective.

**17** Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He  
prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not  
rain on the land for three and a half years. **18** Again  
he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the  
earth produced its crops.

**19** My brothers and sisters, if one of you should  
wander from the truth and someone should bring  
that person back, **20** remember this: Whoever turns  
a sinner from the error of their way will save them  
from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

How is God's steadfastness or lovingkindness  
described in these passages? How have you  
experienced God's steadfastness or  
lovingkindness?

What does it mean for us to be steadfast in  
following God?

What scripture passages or experiences come to  
mind when you reflect on steadfastness?