

# Willow Springs Worship

August 24, 2025 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #853 – Anna Zehr

**Songs** – Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Beth Gerig

**Scripture** – Numbers 11:4-10 NRSV

**Sermon** – Melika Hershberger

*Wrong Remembering*

**Songs** – VT #209 We Dream of a Turning

**Sharing and prayer** – Pam Kaufmann

**Song**

**Announcements**

**Sending** – VT #1068

**Sending Song**

## Calendar

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| Aug. 24    | Julius Malin PhD project summary   |
| Aug. 31    | Input by Meghan Reha, sharing about <a href="#">The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery</a> |
| Sept. 7-21 | Phil Waite in Tiskilwa area  |
| Sept. 14   | Willow Springs Annual Meeting, noon  |

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for August/September is Mennonite Disaster Service ([MDS](#)). 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.

Following our worship service today Julius Malin will share a 15-20 minute summary of his PhD research project on Hungry World Farm and Bethlehem Farm and have a question and answer time. All who are interested in hearing this update are welcome to stay!

The 2025-26 Willow Springs Sunday School and Church Office affirmation ballot will be emailed to the church and posted on the bulletin board today. Please review it and plan for affirmation next Sunday, August 31. Thank you to all who have said yes to serving in these roles this coming year!

The Illinois Mennonite Disaster Service unit is helping a family in southern Illinois (Marion) who had their home damaged by a Tornado this past spring. They are in need of roof, siding and window repair. The roof is currently tarped and broken windows are temporarily held in place. MDS has scheduled the first work day on this project on Saturday, September 13th. They are still needing volunteers. If you want to volunteer or need more information, contact Lamar Miller, MDS Illinois Unit Chair.

Our Willow Springs Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 14. Bring your own lunch, and gather in the basement after the worship service. Agenda will include reports from various groups, Sunday morning schedule/adult Sunday School, and the bequest we have been given.

**August 20 Financial Update:** Offerings during the month of July were about half of the budget for the month. Year to date (at the end of July), about 95% of the budget has come in. August 31 is the end of our fiscal year. **Thank you for your ongoing offerings to Willow Springs!**

Everence is offering a Medicare refresher webinar on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1 p.m. and Thursday Sept. 4, 6 p.m. CT. The webinar will cover:

- The key parts of Medicare
- The main components of your Medicare Supplement coverage
- Things to keep in mind during the open enrollment period
- And much more

If you register for the webinar, you'll receive a recording of the event, even if you are unable to

attend. Find more information and register at [Everence.com](http://Everence.com).

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

### **Numbers 11:4-10 NRSV**

**4** The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, "If only we had meat to eat! **5** We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, **6** but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

**7** Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color was like the color of gum resin. **8** The people went around and gathered it, ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, then boiled it in pots and made cakes of it, and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. **9** When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna would fall with it.

**10** Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased.