

Willow Springs Worship
Nurturing Faith Together
September 13, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Anna
VT 1043

Songs – Phil K.

Children's time – Beth

Scripture – Matthew 16:24-26 NRSV

Song – VT 576 Who Now Would Follow
Christ in Life

Sermon – Phil Waite
Seek the One Who Made the Pleiades
and Orion

Song – VT 575 Faith of the Martyrs

Sharing and prayer – Ellen

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song

Calendar

Sept. 14	Our Table, Willow Springs people providing meal, serving, and clean up
Sept. 20, 27	Phil Waite preaching
Sept. 27	Willow Springs Annual Meeting
Oct. 1-4	Sustainable Christian Agriculture Conference at Hungry World Farm

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Praise, Prayer and Pacing: If you would like company getting in your daily walk join the group at the church.

Please remember to place your gifts in the basket towards the back of the sanctuary.

June through September we will devote our adult Sunday School time to a discussion of the sermon, scripture texts, and other peace theology topics. The class meets in the sanctuary.

Everence Resource: Financial Stress Busters with Financial Choice Webinar (LSS). It will be held twice **this Thursday, September 17th**, at 1 and 7 pm Central time. Learn methods to regain a healthy sense of control. The rising cost of living demands tough choices from everyday spending to reaching bigger life goals, like buying a home, saving for college, or retiring. Considering decision fatigue, rising interest on debts, and low levels of saving, it's no surprise money has become one of the top stressors for many of us. [Register here](#)

Our Willow Springs Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 27, immediately following our worship service in the basement. There will be no Sunday School and childcare will be provided. The meeting will be approximately from 10:45-1:00. Bring your own lunch to eat during the meeting. Agenda will include reports from various groups. All are welcomed and encouraged to join this meeting!

Please pray for the planning and participants of the Sustainable Christian Agriculture Conference to be held October 1-4 at Hungry World Farm concluding with a worship service and carry-in-meal on Sunday the 4th of October at Willow Springs. Registration and an opportunity to give toward the conference can be found on the HWF website. [Sustainable Christian Agriculture Conference - Hungry World Farm](#)

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

Matthew 16:24-26 (NRSV)

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?