

Willow Springs Sunday Worship 9:30 am, *Easter Season, May 15, 2022*

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to Worship, Voices Together (purple) VT# 869
Prayer - Voices Together #881

Songs

Children's time

Scripture James 3:1-12

Sermon Words, A Window to Our Heart

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times *"Lord, in your mercy"* respond with *"hear our prayer."*

Offering Song

Announcements – THIS AFTERNOON, 4H Career Pathways in Tanzania,
Learning Session,

Tanzania Development Support, 5:00 pm via zoom.

May 18 Elders' Meeting

May 21 Josiah's Scott project ½ mile trail to a lake outside of
Walnut across from Dollar General.

May 22, Congregational discussion on using Widerstand
anti-racism materials, after worship.

May 30, Rally Day at Menno Haven.

June 5-9 Tiskilwa Community VBS.

Sending VT# 1036

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

James 3:1-12

Taming the Tongue

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. Special thanks to Jacob Landis for preaching this morning. Cal and Carol are in Elkhart, Indiana celebrating grandchildren's birthday. They will return late evening.

Guidelines for Masking at Willow Springs Mennonite Church May 2022

The church board continues to discern what masking practices best meet the needs of our congregation for worship services. We are aware of persons who desire that all persons continue to wear masks for everyone's safety, particularly that of the young children and older or more vulnerable folks among us. We are also aware of others who find masks to be cumbersome, difficult, and unnecessary at this stage of the pandemic.

As of Sunday, May 15, masks are strongly encouraged but no longer required. If you are one who can wear a mask without much difficulty, you are encouraged to continue to wear one.

Please continue to be aware of the comfort levels of others around you and maintain a healthy distance. Not everyone is comfortable in close proximity to others, particularly if masks are not worn. We encourage you to communicate with those around if you are not comfortable (e.g. "I'm not comfortable with hugging.")

As always, if you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom.

Thank you for abiding by our previous guidelines! We rejoice that, to our knowledge, no Covid cases have been transmitted at our worship services. We desire that it remain that way. Above all, let us show our love and respect for one another in what is still a difficult time.

