

## **Willow Springs Sunday Worship February 19, 2023. 9:30 am**

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Hosted by Elaine Good

### **Welcome and Call to worship, VT#864 – Cal Zehr**

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Marilyn Eigsti

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:13-23

**Sermon:** *The Refugee Redeemer* by Krista Dutt

**Songs**

**Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.”

**Offering Song**

**Announcements:**

Special welcome to Krista Dutt, MCC Speaker for worship time and discussion following worship.

This quarter we highlight the **ministries of MCC** with their impact around the world. Current MCC Project: **Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster.**

### **CALENDAR**

**February 22 – Elders' Meeting.**

**February 26 – First Sunday of Lent.**

February 27 – **Our Table** provisions from WS.

March 11 – **IMC Assembly**, Cicero.

March 18 – **MCC Relief Sale**, Bloomington.

**Sending** – VT#1058

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

Masks are encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom. Thank you for your consideration of others.

**Mission Vision:** Willow Springs Mennonite Church is a thriving Anabaptist community of believers saved by grace who love and desire to follow Jesus Christ.

We celebrate life together through joyful worship, faithful study, intentional sharing of the Gospel, and compassionate caring and service to others.

**Values:** How will we be thinking and acting? Prayerfully, Faithfully, Intentionally, Compassionately, Enthusiastically and joyfully!

# Matthew 2:13-23 The Escape to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

## The Return to Nazareth

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**Mennonite Central Committee** - Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

**MCC** is a global, nonprofit organization that strives to share God’s love and compassion for all through relief, development and peace.

In all our programs we are committed to **relationships with our local partners and churches.**

As an Anabaptist organization, we strive to **make peace a part of everything we do.** When responding to disasters we work with local groups to distribute resources in ways that minimize conflict. In our development work we plan with community and church groups to make sure the projects meet their needs. And we advocate for policies that will lead to a more peaceful world.