

Greetings, All!

Here's worship info for joyful worship on Sunday. We come to the third Sunday of Lent celebrating the Living Water Jesus brings in our insatiable thirsts.

Ellen will serve as worship leader,
Andy Kr. Children's Time, - Children forward with MCC offering - Adults bring offering during offering song.

Phil will serve as music leader.

After the sermon let's sing from the Hymnal: A Worship Book, "O let all who thirst" #495, "Jesus, Rock of Ages" #515

Thanks! Peace, love and blessings be with you, Cal

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Willow Springs Sunday Worship March 12, 2023. 9:30 am

Simulcast on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4743450556>

Meeting ID: 474 345 0556 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Hosted by Elaine Good

We join together this Lenten Season as created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus:
Jesus' Regeneration – Authentically Human. Today's theme - **Shaped through thirst**

Welcome and Call to worship – Ellen Davis Zehr

(based on Psalm 95:6–7)

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

People: we are the people of God's pasture,

All: we are the flock under God's care.

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life.

And yet

we have drunk deeply of resentment;

we have savored self-centeredness.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

All: Give us this living water

so we may never thirst again. Amen.

Song of Praise

Children's time – Andy Krabill

Scripture: John 4:4-26, 7:37-39, Rev. 22:1-5, 17

Sermon: *I Thirst - I Need Living Water!*

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Testimony - Guiding questions:

I know that you have a story about your longing for God. Could you tell us a bit about it?

How did your spiritual thirst come to be satisfied? How much was a result of your hard work, and how much was because of God’s providence?

How do you experience Jesus daily as your living water?

Offering Song

Announcements:

The **worship visual** represents a desert journey of lent with this morning’s color - red pointing us to testing/temptation, Orange for new birth (sunrise), TODAY - blue for water.

This quarter we highlight the **ministries of MCC** with their impact around the world. Current MCCProject: Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Also, Collect change in your “Little School Kit” bags for a special offering TODAY. Thank you!

WiderStand AntiRacism Training - The training consists of at home, on-line, video sessions. Intertwined in the sessions will be group conversation and processing. Pray for our growth closer to the Kingdom in the love and truth of Jesus.

Please login and engage with the training, moving to our discussion time on March 26th.

The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus In Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery by Sarah Augustine

Join Hungry World Farm staff in reading, reflecting, and inviting transformation of our relationships with the land, with our neighbors, with ourselves, and with God. Author Sarah Augustine is a Pueblo (Tewa) woman with a profound faith and passion for justice, Jesus-style. Through personal stories, historical accounts, and reflection on scripture, Sarah invites us to wrestle with the ongoing implications of 15th-century laws known as the Doctrine of Discovery. We will gather four times (in person in the HWF Learning Center, or via Zoom) to reflect on our reading: March 14, 28, April 11 and 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to join in as many sessions as they are able. Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Executive Director of Hungry World Farm, will facilitate the gatherings. For more information and to register, go to [Book Study](#) on the Events page of the HWF website.

CALENDAR

March 16 – MCC Relief Sale Pie Making – 6:30 pm.

March 18 – MCC Relief Sale, Bloomington.

March 26 - Anti-Racism discussion.

April 2 - Anti-Racism discussion.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Supper/Communion/Footwashing

April 9 - Easter!

Sending – Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

Leader: May we blossom with new life.

All: *May we bring refreshment and joy to others.*

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!