

## **Willow Springs Sunday Worship, Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. 9:30 am**

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

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Hosted by Elaine Good

We join together this Lenten Season created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus.

***Jesus' Regeneration – Authentically Human. Today's theme - "Called to worship"***

### **Welcome and Call to worship** – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

**All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!**

***We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!***

### **Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

### **Confession**

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone;  
our failures are visible for all to see.  
Our days pour out like sand,  
our years fade and are gone.  
We are afraid to hope.  
We confess to the Lord . . .

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Lord, we trust in you.  
Redeem us now, we pray.

**All: To you, Lord, we commit all our hope and all our worship. Amen.**

### **Hymn of praise**

### **Children's time** – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

**Scripture:** Isaiah 50:4-9, Matt. 21:1-10

**Sermon:** Flint Face: the Power of God and an Edge of Hope

### **Songs**

### **Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

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

### **Testimony - Guiding questions:**

- W. Tozer wrote that "worship is the missing jewel of the church." As a worship participant or leader, what do you think about this comment?
- If "who Jesus is" represents a central theme of worship, how does this fact make worship personally meaningful and acceptable to God?
- Based on what you have just said, please tell us about a particularly unforgettable worship experience you have had.

## 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), blue for water. - yellow for light, green for life. TODAY – purple for worship.

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. Our special MCC offering - Change for a Change, last Sunday total \$199.87. Thank you! We will have another opportunity to collect the coins today.

**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. Go through: *Introduction and Developing A Common Vocabulary: Race, Bias, Privilege*. Discussion today 11:15 to 12:15.

*The Land Is Not Empty* HWF Book Conversation - March 28, April 11 and 25, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Hungry World Farm Eat local, grow local! Garden planning for a long, local harvest: Saturday, April 22, 1-3 p.m.

Growing your own food is a great way to invest in your own health and the health of our planet! The theme for Earth Day 2023 is "Invest In Our Planet".

Spring Meeting of the Illinois Mennonite Historical & Genealogical Society: Saturday April 22 at 10 a.m. at the Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center near Metamora. Luke Fischer of Roanoke will give a presentation on *The Origins and History of the Apostolic Christian Church*, a cousin Anabaptist church. Everyone is welcome. A fellowship lunch will follow.

### CALENDAR

April 2 - Anti-Racism discussion – 11:15 am..

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Supper/Communion/Footwashing. Please sign up to bring food to share.

April 9 - Easter!

June 6 and 7 - Willow Springs Kids Day Camp.

### Sending –

Leader: Love God, you who are God's holy people,

**All: for God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Praise God, and give thanks,

**All: for God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Expect God, and welcome God's grace,

**All: for God's love endures forever.**

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!