

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

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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 - **Fully alive in Christ**

### **Welcome and Call to worship – April Zehr**

*(based on Psalm 118:21–24)*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: We thank you, God, that you have answered us  
and have become our salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Songs - Steve Graham**

340 Lift Your Glad Voices 346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

### **Confession**

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

**People: Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?**

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For your church?

**People: We confess to the Lord . . .**

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power.

As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day,  
come to us with your delight and love.

**All: With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you. Amen.**

### **Hymn of praise - 358 Christ Is Arisen**

### **Children's time – Cal Zehr**

**Scripture:** John 20:1-23

**Sermon:** Sunrise: Welcome to a new day

### **Songs**

333 Low in the Grave He Lay 565 Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us

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

## Offering Song

### Announcements:

The worship visual represents a desert journey of lent to Easter with various colors - red pointing us to testing/temptation, Orange for new birth (sunrise), blue for water. - yellow for light, green for life, purple for worship, black for Good Friday. TODAY – Yellow/gold for Resurrection Sunrise. Thanks to Boo Graham for the wonderful decorations!

**MCC Relief Kits:** Mennonite Women is wrapping up the Relief Kit project. Please bring any remaining components before their meeting on **Friday, April 13**. Thank you for your generosity in the \$316.35 giving to MCC Change for a Change!

**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. Next Discussion April 30.

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

April 30 - Anti-Racism discussion – 11:15 am.

June 6 and 7 - Willow Springs Kids Day Camp.

### Sending –

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ  
in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet  
see the face of Christ in you.

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

Masks are optional in our building. If you have Covid-like, or other upper respiratory 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!