

Willow Springs Sunday Worship, Sunday, April 16, 2023. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Easter Sunday #2 - We join together this Easter Season pondering the impact of Jesus dying and rising again.

Welcome and Call to worship – Jacob Landis
VT#874

Songs - Steve Graham

Were You There VT#329

Thine is the Glory VT#355

I know That My Redeemer Lives VT#347

Children's time – Anna Zehr

Scripture: Luke 23:26-43

Sermon: *Conversations on the Crosses*

Songs When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross VT#323 and 324
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! VT#341

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

Song

Announcements:

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 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 – SS#179

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.

Luke 23:26-43 - The Crucifixion of Jesus

26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then "they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"

31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." [b] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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!