

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

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

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Hosted by Elaine Good

**Easter Sunday #4** - We join together this Easter Season pondering the impact of Jesus dying and rising again.

### **Welcome and Call to worship** – Warren Searles

Sing the Story Call to worship #177 and prayer #178

### **Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

Were you there VT#329

Lift Your Glad Voices VT#340

Jesus has done so much for me SS#95

### **Children's time** – Ellen Davis Zehr

**Scripture:** Matthew 27:45-54, 1 John 4:13-16

**Sermon:** *Soldiers' Revelation - Ah ha!!!*

### **Songs** The Wonder of the Cross

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name! VT#364

**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.

### **CALENDAR**

**May 3 – Church Board Meeting, 7:30 via zoom.**

May 7 - Anti-Racism discussion – 11:15 am to 12:15.

June 6 and 7 - Willow Springs Kids Day Camp.

**Sending** – Sing the Story #184

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

Matthew 27:45-54 The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

## 1 John 4:13-16

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

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!