

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, September 17, 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

Welcome and Call to worship – Pam Kaufmann

Call to worship – Sing the Story #204

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time - Anna Zehr

Scripture: Psalms 61:1-4, 2 Sam. 22:1-7, Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon: *God is My Rock*

Songs

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

Song

Announcements:

We pass the globe banks as a reminder of all of us doing our part in world hunger. **The 50 Cent offering** will be shared with the Bureau County Food Pantry and Mennonite Central Committee.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for September is the **Peace Tax Fund**. If you would like to give to PTF write a check to Willow Springs with the organization's name included on the Memo line. Thank you for supporting organizations connected to the Mennonite Church. Have you resisted paying the military portion of taxes or kept your income low for military tax reasons? Would you consider sharing your perspectives with the congregation? Please talk to Cal.

The bridge is open on 1725 E St (The golf course road)!

Please consider a **gift to the WS Benevolent Fund** as we have given to various people in some aspects of their life journey. Approximately \$500 is currently needed. Note *Benevolent Fund* on a check to Willow Springs.

This Fall the sermon's will explore **different characteristics or metaphors of God** such as Creator, Rock, Righteousness, Judge, Peace... This morning we reflect together about Our God is Our Creator.

CALENDAR

Sept. 22-24 IVEP Retreat in Indiana
Sept. 23 WS Game Night

Sept. 24 Annual Meeting after worship - Bring sack lunch
Sept. 25 Our Table, WS hosting
Sept. 30 Wilma Potts Committal, Margaret Gale Memorial Service 3:30 pm
Oct. 4 Church Board Meeting
Nov. 27 Our Table, WS hosting

Sending – Voices Together (VT)#1054

Benediction Song – Seeds VT#777

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

Psalms 61:1-4

1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the **rock** that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

2 Samuel 22:1-7

David's Song of Deliverance

David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

² He said: "The Lord is my **rock**, my fortress and my deliverer; ³ my God is my **rock**, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior- from violent people you save me. ⁴ "I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies. ⁵ The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. ⁶ The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁷ "In my distress I called to the Lord; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.

Matthew 7:24-29

The Two Foundations

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the **rock**. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law