

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, September 24, 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

Prelude – Tom Ringenberg, Guest Organist

Welcome and Call to worship – Pam Kaufmann

Call to worship – Voices Together #188 (VT).

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time – Andy Krabill

Scripture: Psalms 85, 1 John 2:28-29

Sermon: ALL RIGHT - *God is Our Righteousness*

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.

Please consider a **gift to the WS Benevolent Fund** as we have given to various people in some aspects of their life journey. Approximately \$50 more is currently needed and it's great to have a balance to use when 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 Righteousness.

CALENDAR

Sept. 22-24 IVEP Retreat in Indiana

- Sept. 24 Annual Meeting after worship – Enjoy your sack lunch and let's begin at 11:30 am. Not on zoom.
 Folk Concert sponsored by the Tiskilwa Historical Society – 4:00 pm.
- Sept. 25 Our Table, WS hosting
- Sept. 30 Wilma Potts Committal, Margaret Gale Memorial Service 3:30 pm
- Oct. 1 World Wide Communion Sunday – Communion during morning worship.
- Oct. 4 Church Board Meeting
- Nov. 27 Our Table, WS hosting

Sending – Voices Together (VT)#998

Benediction Song – Seeds VT#777

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

Psalm 85 - For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

- 1 You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
- 3 You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.

- 4 Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.
- 5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

- 8 I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

- 10 Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- 11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
- 13 Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

1 John 2:28-29 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.