

## **Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, October 15, 2023. 9:30 am**

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Hosted by Elaine Good

**Welcome and Call to worship** – Carol Zehr

Call to worship – Voices Together #13 (VT).

**Songs** - Phil Kaufmann

**50 Cent Offering/Song**

**Children's time** – Connie Kauffman

**Scripture:** Psalms 7, John 5:19-30

**Sermon:** Our God, Our Judge

**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 October/November is the **Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center**. If you would like to give to MH 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. Saturday, October 28 from 8-4 is Menno Haven's Fall Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information, go to [mennohaven.com/work-day](http://mennohaven.com/work-day) where you can also sign up to attend.

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.

### **CALENDAR**

**October 15** Sunday Hymn Sing, Metamora Mennonite Church, 4:00 PM. Followed by a soup supper.

Hymn Sing and Pizza, 4:30 pm at the Tiskilwa Community Church.

**October 21** Hungry World Farm Harvest Festival, 2-5 PM (Rescheduled from the 14th)

**October 22** Warren preaches. Cal and Carol to Colorado with Heidi and Hayden.

**October 28** 8-4 is Menno Haven's Fall Work Day!

**Nov. 27** Our Table, WS hosting

**Sending** – Voices Together (VT)#922

**Benediction Song** – Seeds VT#777

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

## Psalm 7

A *shiggaion* of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord my God, I take refuge in you;  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me,  
<sup>2</sup> or they will tear me apart like a lion  
and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.
- <sup>3</sup> Lord my God, if I have done this  
and there is guilt on my hands—  
<sup>4</sup> if I have repaid my ally with evil  
or without cause have robbed my foe—  
<sup>5</sup> then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;  
let him trample my life to the ground  
and make me sleep in the dust.
- <sup>6</sup> Arise, Lord, in your anger;  
rise up against the rage of my enemies.  
Awake, my God; decree justice.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the assembled peoples gather around you,  
while you sit enthroned over them on high.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let the Lord judge the peoples.**  
**Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High.**
- <sup>9</sup> **Bring to an end the violence of the wicked**  
**and make the righteous secure—**  
**you, the righteous God**  
**who probes minds and hearts.**
- <sup>10</sup> My shield is God Most High,  
who saves the upright in heart.
- <sup>11</sup> God is a righteous judge,  
a God who displays his wrath every day.
- <sup>12</sup> If he does not relent,  
he will sharpen his sword;  
he will bend and string his bow.
- <sup>13</sup> He has prepared his deadly weapons;  
he makes ready his flaming arrows.
- <sup>14</sup> Whoever is pregnant with evil  
conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.
- <sup>15</sup> Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out  
falls into the pit they have made.
- <sup>16</sup> The trouble they cause recoils on them;  
their violence comes down on their own heads.
- <sup>17</sup> I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness;  
I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

## John 5:19-30

<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

<sup>24</sup> “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup> Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup> “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. <sup>30</sup> By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.