

Willow Springs Worship, Sunday, November 5, 2023. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Eldon Eigsti

Call to worship – Voices Together #854 (VT).

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

50 Cent Offering/Song

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Ezekiel 47:1-12

Sermon: Our God, THEE Stream of Water

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 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.

This Fall the sermon's will explore **different characteristics or metaphors of God** such as Creator, Rock, Righteousness, Judge, Peace, Holy, King... On the 19th we will reflect together that Our God is Reigns.

CALENDAR

Nov. 7 Missional Giving Committee Meeting - 4:00 pm

Nov. 8 Church Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

Nov. 12 Worship through Music by Phil Kaufmann - Cal and Carol in Iowa.

Nov. 15 Elders' Meeting

Nov. 17-19 MCC IVEP Retreat at Hungry World Farm. Carry in meal on Sunday, the 19th.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 27 Our Table, WS hosting

Sending – Voices Together (VT)#1035

Benediction Song – Seeds VT#777

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

¹⁰ “I the Lord search the heart
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.”

Ezekiel 47:1-12

The River From the Temple

⁴⁷ The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ² He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

³ As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. ⁴ He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. ⁵ He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. ⁶ He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. ⁸ He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there

will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”