

Willow Springs Worship, Palm Sunday

Christ among Us, the Way of a Servant

March 24, 2024. 9:30 am

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 – Heather Munn

Call to worship

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Beth Gerig

Prayer of Confession

One: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and put our trust in horses of war,

Many: remind us of this Palm Sunday.

One: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now,"

Many: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet."

Scriptures – Zechariah 9:9-10, Mark 11:1-11, Hebrews 12:1-3

Sermon- The God Positioning System

Songs

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

Announcements:

Abuse Update – Soon after worship today an update will be given in the sexual abuse case that we heard about from the church board on May 28, 2023.

Maundy Thursday – please sign up to bring food to share with the supper at 6:00 pm. We will share in the meal, reflections, communion and foot washing.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for March is Mennonite Central Committee. If you would like to give to **the MCC, make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations connected to the Willow Springs.

Our church building desperately needs a **new roof** sooner than later. We plan for a new steel, hidden fastener roof to last for decades to come. Hopefully it will be installed in May! If you would like to the project, please mark your check – Building Fund.

CALENDAR

March 25 Our Table serving

March 28 Maundy Thursday – Please sign up to bring food to share. Supper, communion, foot washing – 6:00pm.

March 31 Easter Sunday

April 7 Fionah Shares during worship

Sending: As we go out from here with joy and celebration remembering our King, humble and riding on a donkey, we journey with Christ this week on the path of servanthood, sacrifice, and pain. What will we find on the other side as we follow him?

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

Zechariah 9:9-1

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Mark 11:1-11

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Hebrews 12:1-3

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

ILLINOIS RELIEF SALE UPDATE:

Our 2024 Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Board wishes to extend special thanks to all who so generously shared their time, talents, prayers, and monetary contributions in support of our 66th Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. Hundreds of Relief Sale dedicated volunteers helped on sale day as well as weeks and months prior to our March 16 event! Our theme of "66 Years of Bringing Healing and Hope" was well demonstrated as 2,200 enjoyed pancakes and sausage breakfasts as well as good crowds supported our grand auction, which included over 100 quilts, the meat market, and many booth areas. At this time our gross proceeds is approximately \$151,500.00. After we have paid all sale bills, we will know the net income. Again this year eighty percent of the net will be channeled through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Twenty percent of the net will be distributed to Central Illinois organizations who provide food for the needy. The Sale Board will deeply appreciate your continued partnership, support, and prayers for our Illinois Sale activities, MCC, and the recipients of the funds. Again thanks and God bless all of you!