

**Willow Springs Worship, Lent #3,
Christ among Us Showing Justice, March 3, 2024. 9:30 am**

Welcome and Call to worship – Carol Gale

Call to worship *based on Psalm 19*

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

One: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky.

You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, “It was good.”

Many: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips.

From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you— singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children’s children would hear as the voice of God.

Many: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice, in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

*All: And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.
Amen.*

Songs - Ellen Davis Zehr

Beauty for Brokenness 712

How Can We Be Silent 790

Children’s time – Anna

Prayer of Confession *based on Psalm 19*

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, God. **Many: Forgive our distracted hearts.**

One: When we put our trust in other things, **Many: remind us of your love and care.**

All: Bring joy to us once again.

One: May the meditations of our hearts **Many: be pleasing on your sight,**
All: our Rock and our Redeemer.

Scriptures – Exodus 20:1-17, John 2:13-22

Sermon- Boundaries in the Lord's Hands

Songs I Bind My Heart This Tide 556
In the Footprints of Jesus

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

Announcements: Join us Saturday, March 23, from 8-4 for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or talk to Deb Borys or Cal. Please sign up at www.mennohaven.com/work-day. We'd love to see you here! 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 6 Church Board
March 9 IMC Assembly at MH, 10:00am.
March 10 Cal & Carol's Greece Trip 6:30pm.
March 13 Elders Meeting
March 14 MCC Pie Making at WS, 6:00 pm
March 16 Illinois Relief Sale, 6:00 am
March 25 Our Table serving
March 24 Palm Sunday, Abuse Update
March 28 Maundy Thursday
Supper, communion, foot washing
March 31 Easter Sunday

Sending: Rest in Jesus. Rest in the beauty of creation. Rest in knowing that you are loved and that Jesus has made space for you in the temple courts.

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

Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke all these words:

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

John 2:13-22 Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

18 The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

