

Willow Springs Worship

Easter Season

May 5, 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 – Carol Zehr

Call to worship:

Leader: Come and worship, people of God!

People: Let's celebrate with songs of praise!

Leader: For our God—the Most High—is seated on his holy throne,

People: Sovereign over all the earth!

Leader: Let's worship God together.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer VT#1014

O, God

you with draw from our sight,
that you may be known by our love;
help us to enter the cloud
where you are hidden,
and surrender all our certainty
to the darkness of faith
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Andy Krabill

Scriptures – Acts 1:1-14

Sermon - *Caught looking up?*

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

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

Announcements:

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for May is Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center. If you would like to give to MH, **make a notation on the memo line of a check. Next Sunday, May 12, Ashley Litwiler will be preaching and David Johnson sharing an update about MH.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

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 this month! Take a look at the visual on the bulletin board for the giving project progress. – Building Fund.

CALENDAR

May 6 Cal - trip to Waverly, Iowa

May 9 Church Board Meeting

May 12 Menno Haven

May 15 Elders Meeting

Sending: Remember, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens that He might fill all things, and give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, Jesus abides with the Church on earth, even to the end of the ages.

Go in Peace!

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

Acts 1:1-14 Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.