

Willow Springs Worship

November 3, 2024. 9:30 am.

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Welcome and Call to worship

Voices Together #862 Pam Kaufmann

Prayer #1001

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Scriptures – Ruth 1:1-18, Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon/Input – Sally Schreiner Youngquist

Attention, Attunement, Attachment: a Lesson from Ruth

Songs

SJ #4 You've Got a Place

VT #409 For We Are Strangers No More

Sharing and prayer – Pam Kaufmann

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT#1050

Sending Song

Calendar

November 8 Mennonite Women 9:30 am

November 13 Church Board, 7:30 pm

Thank you to Sally Schreiner Youngquist for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for Nov. is MMN. If you would like to give to the organization, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

Following the service, the Pine Room (near the library) will be open for sharing and prayer. All are welcome to participate.

Anyone who will be helping with **children's Sunday School** needs to turn in their form and complete the online training. The deadline was October 31st. Ask Esther for a packet, if you do not have one already.

The Tiskilwa Community Church is having a Thanksgiving Dinner November 7, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. The flier is posted on the bulletin board. The menu is: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, dressing, cranberries, corn, green beans, pie and drinks. No RSVP needed.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort.

Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line. Continue to pray for the people impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton and for the volunteers as they respond.

If pastoral care is needed, please contact an Elder: Dale Bachman, Ellen Davis-Zehr, Pam Kaufmann, or Elvin Krabill

Anna Zehr is putting together the worship sheet and checking the WillowSpringsMenno@gmail.com account. Please send emails to be forwarded to the church this address. If you are not receiving these emails, let Anna know.

Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)

Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon^[a] and Chilion;^[b] they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, **5** both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Her Moabite Daughters-in-Law

6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given

them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. **8** But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. **10** They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." **11** But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, **13** would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." **14** Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. **15** So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people
and your God my God.
17 Where you die, I will die,
and there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSV)

One in Christ

11 So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth,^[a] called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— **12** remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, **15** abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, **16** and might reconcile both to God in one body^[b] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.^[c] **17** So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, **18** for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. **19** So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, **20** built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus

himself as the cornerstone;^[d] **21** in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are built together spiritually^[e] into a dwelling place for God.