

Willow Springs Worship

April 27, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #854 – Sarah Foss
Prayer VT #911

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

VT #512 Let the Children Come

Children's time – Beth Gerig

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35 NIV

Sermon – Bryan Miller

From Confusion to Commission

Songs

VT #732 Open My Eyes

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #1066

Sending Song

Calendar

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| May 4 | Wild Church |
| May 7 | Church Board, 7:30 pm |
| May 9 | Mennonite Women, 9:30 am |
| May 11 | Input by Elaine Good, Everence Stewardship Sunday |
| May 14 | Elders meeting, 7:00 pm |
| June 1-2 | Vacation Bible School |

Thank you to Bryan Miller for bringing the message today!

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for March/April is Mennonite Central Committee

(MCC). If you would like to give to the organization, write a check to Willow Springs and **make a notation on the memo line**. Thank you for supporting organizations ministering to many.

We will be having Vacation Bible School on Sunday and Monday, June 1 and June 2. We invite the whole congregation to experience Bible School through joining us on Sunday. For those who are available and wish to help on both days, there will be more information in the coming weeks.

Next Sunday instead of having a sermon, we will worship through a modified Wild Church format. Much of our service will be inside. Anna Zehr will lead a short meditation and directions, followed by a time to reflect outside, through walking, wandering, standing, or sitting.

Our Maundy Thursday Service was a meaningful time of worship and fellowship. Thank you to all who came, brought food, helped set up and clean up, and helped lead the service! Each of these pieces was an act of service to each other and to our community!

3/16 transitional pastor update: Pastor Phil Waite will join us in mid-July, to assist as we discern what comes next for Willow Springs. This process will require time, thought and energy. We hope all of you will be willing to put in this energy. We have work ahead of us! If you have questions about this process, please talk with one of the Elders.

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

Luke 24:13-35 NIV

On the Road to Emmaus

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; **16** but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the

only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21** but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. **22** In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning **23** but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. **24** Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. **29** But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. **32** They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together **34** and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." **35** Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.