

Willow Springs Worship

May 11, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Revelation 22:1-5 – Eldon Eigsti

Leader: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

All: On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore.

Leader: But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

All: And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Prayer: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Root of wisdom, branch of peace,
Fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life. Amen.

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Tarik Khesghi

Scriptures – Genesis 2:4-7, Psalm 1:1-3

Sermon – Elaine Good

Trees and the Fruit They Bear

Songs

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Offertory Song

Announcements

Sending – Send us forth now with a renewed vision of all that you have saved us from and saved us for. Guide us as we strive to be good stewards of your abundance, and caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. With thankful hearts we commit ourselves to bear witness to the fact that all good gifts come from you. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Sending Song

Calendar

May 14	Elders meeting, 7:00 pm
May 18	Input by Doc Johnson
June 1-2	Vacation Bible School

Thank you to Elaine Good for bringing the message today! The resources from today's worship service are from Everence's 2025 Stewardship Sunday Worship Guide.

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for May/June is Hungry World Farm ([HWF](#)). 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 give thanks today and everyday for our mothers and all of the women of faith who have nurtured us!

We will be having Vacation Bible School on Sunday and Monday, June 1 and June 2 from 9:30 to 2:00. The theme is Catch the Spirit! There will be three age group classes: primary, middle school, and adults. We invite the whole congregation to experience Bible School through joining us on Sunday and anyone who wishes to join on Monday as well!

The Illinois Mennonite Conference is currently seeking a **part-time or volunteer Bookkeeper** to support IMC's financial operations. (Compensation is available for those preferring a paid role, though it may also be filled as a volunteer opportunity.) This is a flexible, remote role that requires just 10–12 hours per month and includes full training. This position plays a vital role in maintaining the financial health and integrity of the Conference, and they welcome applicants who are detail-oriented, organized, and aligned with the mission of IMC. Interested? Contact Anna Zehr for more information.

Amy Cline is looking for a good used recliner chair for her apartment. If you might be able to help her out with this need, you can contact her directly or contact Ellen or Dennis.

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

Genesis 2:4-7 NIV

Adam and Eve

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth^[a] and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, **6** but streams^[b] came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. **7** Then the LORD God formed a man^[c] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Psalms 1:1-3 NIV

- 1** Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
 or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and who meditates on his law day and night.
3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of
 water,
 which yields its fruit in season
 and whose leaf does not wither—
 whatever they do prospers.