

Willow Springs Worship

August 31, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together #851 – Anna Zehr

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Andy Krabill

Scripture – Micah 4:1-5 NRSV

Sermon – Meghan Reha

Doing and Undoing in the Name of Christ

Songs – VT #705 For the Healing of the Nations

Sharing and prayer – Elvin Krabill

Song

Announcements

Sending – VT #1058

Sending Song

Calendar

Sept. 7-21 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa area
Sept. 7, 14, 21 Phil Waite preaching
Sept. 8 Elders meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept. 10 Church Board, 7:30 pm
Sept. 12 Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
Sept. 14 Willow Springs Annual Meeting, noon

Thank you to Meghan Reha for bringing the message today and sharing about [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#).

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for August/September is Mennonite Disaster Service ([MDS](#)). 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.

The 2025-26 Willow Springs Sunday School and Church Office affirmation ballot was emailed to the church and posted on the bulletin board last week. Plan for affirmation today, Sunday, August 31 during announcements. Thank you to all who have said yes to serving in these roles this coming year!

Let's read the Psalms together!

Phil Waite and the Elders encourage each one in the congregation to read through The Book of Psalms in 60 days, **beginning September 1**. [Find the schedule online](#) here or hard copies underneath the mailboxes for how the Psalms can be grouped together to read in 60 days. If we follow this schedule and start on the same date we can then share together on Sundays what we have gleaned from our common reading.

A letter from Phil Waite was emailed to the congregation on Wednesday, August 27. Make sure to read this for more information about what it means to have a transitional pastor and what to expect over the next months. Phil Waite's contact information is also included in this letter.

August 20 Financial Update: Offerings during the month of July were about half of the budget for the month. Year to date (at the end of July), about 95% of the budget has come in. August 31 is the end of our fiscal year. **Thank you for your ongoing offerings to Willow Springs!**

The Illinois Mennonite Disaster Service unit is helping a family in southern Illinois (Marion) who had their home damaged by a Tornado this past spring. They are in need of roof, siding and window repair. The roof is currently tarped and broken windows are temporarily held in place. MDS has scheduled the first work day on this project on Saturday, September 13th. They are still needing volunteers. If you want to volunteer or need more information, contact Lamar Miller, MDS Illinois Unit Chair.

Our Willow Springs Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 14. Bring your own lunch, and gather in the basement after the worship service. Agenda will include reports from various groups, Sunday morning schedule/adult Sunday School, and the bequest we have been given. All are welcomed and encouraged to join this meeting!

Everence is offering a Medicare refresher webinar on Thursday Sept. 4, 6 p.m. CT. The webinar will cover:

- The key parts of Medicare
- The main components of your Medicare Supplement coverage
- Things to keep in mind during the open enrollment period
- And much more

If you register for the webinar, you'll receive a recording of the event, even if you are unable to attend. Find more information and register at Everence.com.

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

Micah 4:1-5 NRSV

Peace and Security through Obedience

4 In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's temple
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains

and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

2 and many nations shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far
away;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;

neither shall they learn war any more;
4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and
under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

5 For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
forever and ever.