

# Willow Springs Worship

**September 21, 2025 9:30 a.m.**

**Prelude** – VT 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Voices Together 874 – Anna Zehr

## Songs – Elaine and Ellen

VT 130 Beautiful Savior

HWB 34 When the Morning Stars Together

VT 512 Let the Children Come

## Children's time – Andy Krabill

## Scripture – John 1:1-14 NRSV

## Sermon – Phil Waite

*The Word!*

**Song** – VT 418 From the Parent's Heart the Firstborn

## Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

**Song** – VT 670 In the Bulb

## Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

## Sending – VT 1066

### Calendar

Sept. 28 Steve Thomas of [Mennonite Men](#)  
Preaching

Oct. 5-19 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa

Oct. 5, 12, 19 Phil Waite Preaching

Please remember to place your gifts in the basket towards the back of the sanctuary.

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.

Starting today, children's Sunday School will begin after the worship service ends. Adult Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary to share reflections on reading the Psalms. Both Sunday Schools will end one hour after the end of worship.

Next Sunday Steve Thomas from Mennonite Men will be preaching. On Saturday late afternoon, anyone is welcome to join him in looking at the church property. He will look at how the property is currently being cared for and offer insights on stewarding the land for better ecological health.

### Interview Signup Sheet

If you haven't already, please sign up for a time for Phil to meet with you as part of our transitional work. We want everyone's voice to be heard!

### Heritage Sundays

As part of our transitional work we will have two Heritage Sundays during the Sunday School hour on October 5 and 12. This will be a chance for us to tell our common story together.

The 2025-26 Willow Springs Sunday School and Church Office Affirmation Ballot was accepted with 29 Yeses, with two notes of concern. Thank you to all who said yes to serving in these roles! - The Discernment Committee. There are copies of this underneath the mailboxes for you to take home for your reference throughout this year.

If you are interested in learning how to run the sound and zoom system at church, please let Pete Andriotis know.

### 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.

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

## **John 1 NRSV**

### *The Word Became Flesh*

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

**6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>[b]</sup>

**10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.

**11** He came to what was his own,<sup>[c]</sup> and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,<sup>[d]</sup> full of grace and truth.