

# **Willow Springs Worship**

**October 26, 2025 9:30 a.m.**

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

VT 971 – Esther Johnson

**Songs** – Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – Elvin Krabill

**Scripture** – Matthew 18:1-14 NRSV

**Sermon** – Kristin Jackson

*Let the Children Come*

**Song** – VT 517 Children of the  
Heavenly Father

**Sharing and prayer** – Ellen Davis-Zehr

**Song**

## **Announcements**

Sunday School ends at:

**Sending** – VT 1062

**Sending Song**

## **Calendar**

Nov. 2-16 Phil Waite in Tiskilwa

Nov. 2,9,16 Phil Waite Preaching

Nov. 15 Polly Begly Memorial

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Praise, Prayer, and Pacing:  
If you would like company getting in your daily walk  
join the 10:00 am Tuesday group at the church to  
Praise, Pray, and Pace. If you want to receive a text  
reminder, let Beth know.

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

Children's Sunday School now begins after the  
worship service ends. Adult Sunday School meets  
in the sanctuary. Both Sunday Schools will end one  
hour after the end of worship. Today, Kristin  
Jackson will lead this time focusing on Safe  
Church.

A memorial service for Polly Begly will be on  
Saturday, November 15.

## **Interview Signup Sheet**

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

The third fall Work Day at Menno Haven is on  
Saturday, November 8 for those who are available  
on the weekend. It is most helpful if you could  
register at [mennohaven.com/work-day](https://mennohaven.com/work-day) so we know  
how to plan projects for each day.

Note from Marilyn and Eldon Eigsti:

Thank you so much for the time of farewell  
you gave us Sunday. We were humbled by the kind  
words of affirmation many of you spoke as well as  
the love gift offered. We will definitely check out  
using it to pay for a concert series. It is difficult to  
leave all of you and the history our family has with  
Willow Springs. We will miss you!

Our plan is to "officially" move October 28  
but we will be back and forth in the following days  
to tie up loose ends. Once we are settled in, we  
invite you to visit us in Goshen. We will have a  
guest room.

May God bless each of you. Our prayers go  
with you and Willow Springs as its future direction  
is discerned.

Marilyn and Eldon Eigsti

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

The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Board wishes to  
inform everyone that we are offering one pound  
bulk and one pound link packages of fresh sausage  
for sale this fall at the cost of \$6.00 per pound.  
Pre-orders will be taken from October 1 through

November 1 via church sign-up sheets and our sale website. Pick up time will be Saturday, November 22, from 7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at First Mennonite Church of Morton. Payment will be due at the time of pick up if not paid when pre-ordered. For the buyers convenience cash, cards, and checks will be accepted. Prayers for our 68<sup>th</sup> Illinois Relief Sale, scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2026, as well as the procuring of auction items will be deeply appreciated. God bless you for your faithfulness!

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### **Everence announces Medicare Mondays webinar series for Fall 2025**

Everence Financial will host a monthly Medicare Mondays webinar series. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those ready to sign up for Medicare. The webinars will take place the second Monday from October to December at 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit [www.everence.com/national](https://www.everence.com/national).

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

### **Matthew 18:1-14 NRSV**

#### *True Greatness*

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” **2** He called a child, whom he put among them, **3** and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you

change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

#### *Temptations to Sin*

**6** “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,[a] it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. **7** Woe to the world because of things that cause sin![b] Such things are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

**8** “If your hand or your foot causes you to sin,[c] cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. **9** And if your eye causes you to sin,[d] tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell[e] of fire.

#### *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

**10** “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.[f] **12** What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? **13** And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. **14** So it is not the will of your[g] Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.