

# Willow Springs Worship

October 5, 2025 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-4 – Esther Johnson

**Songs** – Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – James Nicholson

**Scripture** – Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV

**Sermon** – Phil Waite

*It all Holds Together*

**Songs** – VT 420 God of the Bible

**Communion**

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

**Song**

**Announcements**

Sunday School ends at:

**Sending** – VT 1057

**Sending Song**

### Calendar

Oct. 5	Hymn sing at Roanoke MC, 3:00 pm
Oct. 5-19	Phil Waite in Tiskilwa
Oct. 12, 19	Phil Waite Preaching
Oct. 5, 12	Heritage Sundays
Oct. 10	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
Oct. 15	Church Board, 7:30 pm
Oct. 19	Farewell for Marilyn and Eldon

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.

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.

Children's Sunday School now begins after the worship service ends. Adult Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Both Sunday Schools will end one hour after the end of worship.

### 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.

### 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 on the sheet at church or contact Phil directly. Please sign up by October 12.

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

### Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC

**School Kit Challenge!** Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 25,000 school kits for the 2025 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **29,639 school kits!** Each of the 29,639 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year! Willow Springs contributed 39 school kits towards this total!

The Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center in Metamora has an upcoming meeting on October 18, starting at 10:00 am. Speaker Elizabeth Miller will be sharing with the focus of **Anabaptism Goes Global**. Meal to follow. All are welcome to attend!

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!

This fall you have 3 options to come for a Work Day at Menno Haven and experience some fall sights and sounds. We have two mid-week days (Wednesday, October 22 & Thursday, October 23) for those who have free time in the middle of the week and one Saturday (November 8) for those who are available on the weekend. It is most helpful if you could register at [mennohaven.com/work-day](http://mennohaven.com/work-day) so we know how to plan projects for each day.

**Everence:** FreedUp personal finance training: Are you looking for financial training based on Biblical principles? Discover personal finance training with the FreedUp financial program, which helps people develop strong habits for personal finances. Learn more and sign up at [GetFreedUp.com](http://GetFreedUp.com). Through Everence®, we have access to a discount code: pay \$19 instead of \$99 when you use code fru24eve.

### **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](http://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.

### **Psalm 90:1-4 NRSV**

*God's Eternity and Human Frailty*

*A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

- 1** Lord, you have been our dwelling place[a] in all generations.
- 2** Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3** You turn us[b] back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- 4** For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

### **Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV**

*The Supremacy of Christ*

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, **16** for in[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in[b] him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of God[c] was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.