

Willow Springs Worship

February 22, 2026 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Dwelling in Dissonance:

Love and grief, glory and belief

Welcome and Call to Worship – Carol

One: Welcome Lent.

All: Welcome mystery.

One: Welcome dissonance.

All: Welcome grief.

One: Welcome glory and uncertainty.

All: Welcome doubt. Welcome belief.

One: Welcome questions without answers.

All: Welcome fullness from above.

One: Welcome death and resurrection.

All: Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.

Confession Poem

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Connie Krabill

Scripture – John 11:1-44 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

The Passion of Christ

Song – VT 634 Rain, Come Down

Sharing and prayer – Pam Kaufmann

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life, remembering that Jesus is with us in our grieving and the mystery of the Spirit is weaving all around us.

May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you, inviting you to look for resurrection.

Sending Song

Calendar

March 1, 8	Phil Waite Preaching
March 6-7	IMC Annual Assembly
March 15	Melika Hershberger Preaching
March 20-21	IL Mennonite Relief Sale

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Praise, Prayer and Pacing: If you would like company getting in your daily walk join the group at the church.

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

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for Dec/Jan/Feb has been Menno Haven Camp, a special place to so many of us. If you would like to give to the organization, **make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations ministering to many.

For adult Sunday School today, we will continue discussing the booklet "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" The class meets in the sanctuary.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent with the theme Dwelling in Dissonance. The visuals of dissonance for today are a living plant and a dead plant.

MC USA's 2026 **Lent at Home** Worship Guide invites households to journey through Lent with simple practices, Scripture from John's Gospel and opportunities for reflection. This guide, titled Dwelling in Dissonance, helps all ages hold grief and hope together, as we walk with Jesus toward resurrection. You can find the guide and its accompanying worship calendar [here](#). **There are copies of the Lent calendar underneath the church mailboxes for you to take.**

The Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Annual Assembly is March 6th-7th at Lombard Mennonite Church. The theme is Christ Our Center, Connected as One. You can [register for the Annual Assembly here](#). For more details, including information on the speakers and the schedule for the weekend, see the separate email.

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