

Willow Springs Worship

March 15, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Dwelling in Dissonance: Submission and power

Prelude – VT 296 You Are Salt for the Earth

Welcome and Call to Worship – Carol

One: We gather for worship,
seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

All: *“Your Kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth!”*

One: We pray.
Then we look around . . .
Where is it? What is truth?

One: We gather for worship,
asking questions and staying the course.
We pray again and again,

All: *“Your kingdom come!”*

One: Looking and longing . . .
Where is it? Where are you?

One: We gather for worship
and find that God is here.

All: *On earth as in heaven.*

One: God’s kingdom now and not yet;
here and in the world to come.

All: *Let us worship our God.*

Confession Poem

Songs – Elaine and Ellen

VT 225 We Come

VT 644 Healer of Our Every Ill

VT 512 Let the Children Come

Children’s time – Andy Krabill

Scriptures – John 1:14, 16-18; John 18:28-40 NRSV

Sermon – Melika Hershberger

Who is Truth?

Song – VT 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Sharing and prayer – Dale Bachman

Song – VT 302 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Announcements – Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing

As you go, may you listen for God
in the discordant melodies of your life,
seeking to live in the upside-down kingdom that
is here, but also yet to come.
May you go with Christ’s peace surrounding you,
to practice a different kind of power.

Sending Song – VT 799 The Kingdom of God

Calendar

March 19 Pie Making, 6:00 pm

March 20-21 IL Mennonite Relief Sale

March 22 Ron Guengerich preaching

March 29 Phil Waite preaching

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
Mar/Apr/May is Mennonite Central Committee. For
over 100 years, MCC has shared God’s love and
compassion for all through relief, development and
peace. Learn more about MCC initiatives here:
<https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives>. 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 be
discussing the booklet “What is an Anabaptist
Christian?” The class meets in the sanctuary.

Today’s visuals for Dwelling in Dissonance are a
rock representing war and violence and a dove
representing peace. These objects were used last
week as the visible and hidden objects. Throughout
Lent this year we are focusing on the events of
Holy Week. The black silhouette at the front of the
sanctuary represents the tomb.

Transitional Process Update: The next sessions focusing on Congregational Discernment of Charism will be on **March 22 and March 29.**

Assembling Dutch Apple Pies to go to the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale will happen on **Thursday, March 19** starting at 6:00 in the church kitchen. Donations of a few more bags of apples would be welcome. Contact Ellen for details. Please note that all who help with the pies should wear a cap, head scarf, hairnet or other head covering! Thanks to all who are volunteering or donating.

Phil Waite has a new pattern of being present with Willow Springs, which began in February. Phil will be here four Sundays per month, including the first full week of the month. He will preach three Sundays. This allows Phil to be present consistently on Sundays and gives him a greater sense of continuity between his life in Goshen and in the community here. Housing will be provided in homes of members of the congregation.

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

John 1:14, 16-18 (NRSV)

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,^[d] full of grace and truth.

16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.^[e] **17** The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who^[f] is close to the Father's heart,^[g] who has made him known.

John 18:28-40 (NRSV)

Jesus before Pilate

28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. **29** So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" **30** They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." **31** Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." **32** (This

was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" **34** Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35** Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" **36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." **38** Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. **39** But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" **40** They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.