

Willow Springs Worship

March 22, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Dwelling in Dissonance: Complicity and innocence

Welcome and Call to Worship – Carol

Here we are.

It is still Lent

and we may wish to skip this part.

We don't really want to remember the violence
or hear the horrible cries, "Crucify! Crucify!"
(We get enough of that from the news.)

And we really don't want to think
that we might be among those voices,
or consider our own complicity
in such things.

But it is Lent.

So we are here.

And we tell the story again,
trusting that God will meet us in it.

Confession Poem

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Beth Gerig

Scripture – John 19:1-16a NRSV

Sermon – Ron Guengerich

Listen

Song – VT 405 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Sharing and prayer – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing

As you go,

may you listen for God in the discordant
melodies of your life,
within the holy mystery and holy ache of this
story,
trusting that the Spirit is with us in the
dissonance.

May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you.

Sending Song

Calendar

March 29	Palm Sunday, Phil Waite preaching
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday! 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.

Today's visuals for Dwelling in Dissonance are a
crown of thorns and a crown of beauty. 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 (today), March 29,
April 19, and April 26**. These two 1 hour sessions
following our worship service are in the sanctuary.
Notes from the congregational transitional sessions
are available to individuals who will be a part of this
process. Please email Megan Krabill or sign up on
the clipboard at church if you would like to receive
these notes. There will be one set of combined
notes from the first hour and second hour sessions
from each date.

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 19:1-16a (NRSV)

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. **2** And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. **3** They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. **4** Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." **5** So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate[a] said to them, "Behold the man!" **6** When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." **7** The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

8 Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. **9** He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" **11** Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." **12** From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."

13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat[b] on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew[c] Gabbatha. **14** Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" **15** They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." **16** Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.