

Willow Springs Worship

March 29, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday *Dwelling in Dissonance*

Welcome and Call to Worship – Carol

*All: We gather to worship God
and to look back on where we've been;*

One: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams,
remembered "Hosannas!"
and all these weeks of Lent.

*All: We gather to worship God
and to look at where we are now,*

One: at Jesus re-defining triumph;
and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

*All: We gather to worship God
and to wonder at this mystery,*

One: of salvation that comes so strangely;
of life that comes through death;
of brokenness meeting grace.

Confession Poem

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Drama

Scriptures – John 19:16b-22, John
12:12-27 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

*The Voice Behind Creation Becomes a
Real Person, and the Unexpected
Happens*

Song – VT 331 Sing, My Tongue, the
Song of Triumph

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,
in the glittering sadness of palm branches and
the hosannas,
the cry, "God save us,"
mixed with the coming shouts of "Crucify him."

In the tension of this dissonance,
may you go with Christ's peace,
to practice holy waiting and longing.

Sending Song

Calendar

April 2	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday! Phil Waite preaching
April 9	Church Board, 7:00 pm via Zoom
April 10	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
April 11	Game Night, 5:30 pm
April 12	Cristina Ding 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 today, Palm Sunday, the visuals for Dwelling in
Dissonance are palm branches and a cross.
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.

Our Maundy Thursday service is on April 2 at 6:00
pm. We will eat supper together and reflect on the
Last Supper through singing, communion, and foot
washing. Please sign up to bring food to share for
supper.

Transitional Process Update: The next sessions focusing on Congregational Discernment of Charism will be on **March 29 (today), 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 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 19:16a-22 (NRSV)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus, **17** and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew[a] is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. **19** Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth,[b] the King of the Jews." **20** Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew,[c] in Latin, and in Greek. **21** Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

John 12:12-27 (NRSV)

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. **17** So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.[a] **18** It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. **19** The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **22** Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. **25** Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.