

Willow Springs Worship

April 26, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 116 – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Pam/Phil K.

Scriptures – Acts 2:14a, 36-41 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

Cut to the Heart

Song – VT 420 God of the Bible

Sharing and prayer – Ellen Davis-Zehr

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 1057

Sending Song

Calendar

April 26, May 3	Transitional Sessions
May 3, 10	Phil Waite preaching
May 31-June 1	VBS (May 31 potluck meal)

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.

Willow Springs is planning a two day Vacation Bible
School this year on Sunday, May 31 and Monday,
June 1, 9:30-2:00. The morning worship service on
May 31 from 9:30-10:15 will be for all upstairs. At
10:15 the children will be dismissed to their classes
and the adults not involved with the children's
activities will have sharing and then regular adult
Sunday School. Children will have class time, crafts
and recreation and then will join with the adults for
a potluck meal. After lunch there will be a few more
activities for children which adults may join in if they
choose.

The program, "THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
IN METAMORA" presented recently at the IL
Mennonite Historical & Genealogical Society is
available online at TENTHIRTYYONE.ORG. The
information in this film was included in Jack
Weddle's presentation.

Hungry World Farm has formally launched a search
for a new Executive Director. The position will soon
be posted in several publications, including
Anabaptist World. We would be grateful for help
getting the word out! If you would like a copy of the
search announcement to share with personal
contacts, please email Andy Krabill.

Transitional Process Update: The next sessions
focusing on Congregational Discernment of
Charism will be on **April 26 (today) and May 3**.
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 to receive these notes.

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.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (NRSV)

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews[a]

36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,[h] this Jesus whom you crucified."

The First Converts

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers,[i] what should we do?" **38** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." **40** And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalms 116 (Book of Common Prayer)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
**because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.**

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death,
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from
stumbling.**

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low."
**In my distress I said, "No one can be
trusted."**

10 How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house,
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**