

Willow Springs Worship

April 5, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Dwelling in Dissonance: Death and resurrection

Welcome and Call to Worship – Carol

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: *The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.*

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

All: *Angels singing.*

One: Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

All: *Jesus is risen!*

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

All: *but love is stronger than death.*

One: Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

All: *Our names—each one.*

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

All: *It is the sound of resurrection.*

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

Confession Poem

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – James Nicholson

Drama – Beth Gerig and Sarah Foss

Racing to See Jesus

Scripture – John 20:1-18 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

The Power of Joy

Song – VT 352 This Joyful Eastertide

Sharing and prayer – Elvin Krabill

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing

May you go from here, like Mary Magdalene,
paying attention,
being astonished,
and then telling others about it.

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

May you go with the risen Christ's peace
surrounding you. Amen.

Sending Song

Calendar

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 sharing
April 19, 26	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 today, Easter Sunday, the visual for Dwelling in
Dissonance is a cross decorated with flowers, a
cruel instrument of torture transformed by beauty.
The black silhouette at the front of the sanctuary
representing the tomb, is now adorned with a white
cloth and flowers. The tomb is empty! Christ has
risen! Christ has risen indeed!

There will be no adult Sunday School this morning. The children will have a shortened Sunday School time.

Transitional Process Update: The next sessions focusing on Congregational Discernment of Charism will be on **April 19, April 26, 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.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb, **12** and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13** They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." **14** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir,[b] if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." **16** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,[c] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.