

Willow Springs Worship

May 10, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season

Prelude – VT 182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalms 66 – Elvin Krabill

Songs – Elaine and Ellen

VT 88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VT 98 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

VT 512 Let the Children Come

Children's time – Carol Gale

Scripture – Acts 17:22-31 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

All About Jesus

Song – VT 355 Thine is the Glory

Sharing and prayer – Elvin Krabill

Song – VT 427 Creating God, Your Figures Trace

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 1057

Calendar

May 17	Grant Miller preaching
May 24	Phil Waite preaching
May 24	Transitional Session
May 25	Menno Haven's Rally Day
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.

We give thanks today and everyday for our mothers
and all of the women of faith who have nurtured us!

Adult Sunday School today will be further
discussion of "What is an Anabaptist Christian?"
The class meets in the sanctuary.

We are all invited to attend Rally Day at Menno
Haven on Monday, May 25 from 10-4 to celebrate
the new camping season. Menno Haven will
provide BBQ Chicken and drinks for their annual
Potluck Lunch. Bring a side dish, salad, and/or
dessert items as well as your own tableware. A
free-will donation will be taken and money raised
will go into their camper scholarship fund to help
more campers be able to attend. Please RSVP on
their website at mennohaven.com/rallyday or call
them at 815-255-4649.

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.

Transitional Process Update: The next session
focusing on Congregational Discernment of
Charism will be on **May 24 and this will be a
combined session, with childcare provided.**

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

Acts 17:22-31 (NRSV)

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor^[a] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God^[b] and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalms 66 (Book of Common Prayer) *Jubilate Deo*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands;
**sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
**because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.**

3 All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God,
**how wonderful he is in his doing toward all
people.**

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
**but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.**

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
**which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.