

# Willow Springs Worship

May 17, 2026 9:30 a.m.

## *Easter Season*

**Prelude** – VT 39 As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

**Welcome and Call to Worship** – Anna  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

**Songs** – Elaine and Ellen

VT 42 Could It Be That God Is Singing

VT 386 One Is the Body

VT 512 Let the Children Come

**Children's time** – Andy Krabill

**Scripture** – Acts 1:4-11 NRSV

**Sermon** – Grant Miller

*Waiting for Restoration*

**Song** – VT 377 New Earth, Heavens New

**Sharing and prayer** – Dale Bachman

**Song** – VT 365 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

## **Announcements**

Sunday School ends at:

**Sending Blessing** – VT 1057

## **Calendar**

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 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) |
| June 7        | 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.

Thank you to Grant Miller for bringing the message  
today!

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](http://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 1:4-11 (NRSV)**

<sup>4</sup> While staying<sup>[b]</sup> with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

### *The Ascension of Jesus*

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36 (Book of Common Prayer)**

### *Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;  
**let those who hate him flee before him.**

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
**God in his holy habitation!**

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people,  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

10 Your people found their home in it;  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
**sing praises to the Lord.**

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God;  
**his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!**  
***Blessed be God!***