

Willow Springs Worship

May 3, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Easter Season

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalms 23, unison – Anna Zehr

Songs – Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – James Nicholson

Scriptures – Acts 2:42-47 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

Belief and Community

Song – VT 160 Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms

Sharing and prayer – Pam Kaufmann

Song

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 1057

Sending Song

Calendar

May 3, 24	Transitional Sessions
May 6	Church Board, 7:00 pm in person
May 8	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
May 10, 24	Phil Waite preaching
May 17	Grant Miller 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 TENTHIRTYONE.ORG. The
information in this film was included in Jack
Weddle's presentation.

Transitional Process Update: The next sessions
focusing on Congregational Discernment of
Charism will be on **May 3 (today) and May 24**.
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's schedule: Phil W. will be in the
Tiskilwa area this week. He 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 2:42-47 (NRSV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalms 23 (KJV)

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.