

Willow Springs Worship

Nurturing Faith Together

June 7, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Anna

Psalms 146:3, 5-10 (HWB 825)

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**
Happy are those who help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
**who made heavens and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;**
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
**The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Songs – Phil K.

Children's time – Deb

Scripture – Joshua 6:1-21 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

What Does God Have Against Warriors?

Song – SJ 75 Be Still

Sharing and prayer – Pam

Song

Announcements – Eliana

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 998

Sending Song

Calendar

June 12	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
June 13	Outside Game Night, 5:00 pm
June 14	Richard A. Kauffman preaching
June 21, 28	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.

Today, June 7, the Illinois Mennonite Conference
Minister who relates with Willow Springs, Bryan
Miller, will be with us during the adult Sunday
School time. Bryan will discuss the pastoral search
process in the Mennonite church, and share with us
some different models for pastoral leadership.

As we are in the midst of the transitional process
which will include a new structure for Willow
Springs, we will not be going through the
discernment process at this time to present a new
Sunday School and Church Office Affirmation Ballot
for the start of the 2026-2027 fiscal year
(September 1). If you have questions or concerns
about this, please direct these to the Church Board.

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

Joshua 6:1-21 (NRSV)

Jericho Taken and Destroyed

6 Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out, and no one went in. ² The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. ³ You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, ⁴ with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵ When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead." ⁶ So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the LORD." ⁷ To the people he said, "Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

⁸ As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. ⁹ And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rear guard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰ To the people Joshua gave this command: "You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So the ark of the LORD went around the city, circling it once, and they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

¹² Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³ The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴ On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched

around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷ The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent. ¹⁸ As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet^[a] and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." ²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it. ²¹ Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.