

Willow Springs Worship

Nurturing Faith Together

July 5, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Prelude – VT 789 Be a Sower

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 46 – Beth

- 1 God is our hope and strength
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and swell
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.
- 4 The rivers of the flood shall make glad the city of God
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed
God shall help her, and in the early morning.
- 6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved
but God hath shown his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come here, and behold the works of the Lord
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world
he breaks the bow, and snaps the spear in sunder, and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that I am God
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Songs – Andy and Ellen

VT 37 Be Still and Know

VT 644 Healer of Our Every Ill

VT 512 Let the Children Come

Children's time – Deb

Scripture – 1 Chronicles 21:1-8 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite

The God Who Gives

Song – VT 421 A Mighty Fortress

Sharing and prayer – Dale

Song – VT 610 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – From Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

Calendar

July 8	Church Board, 7:00 pm
July 10	Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
July 11	Game Night, 6:00 pm
July 12, 19	Phil Waite preaching
Aug. 8	Game Night, 6:00 pm
Aug. 23	Menno Haven Swim 2:00-4:00 pm

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.

This summer we will devote our adult Sunday School time to a discussion of the sermon, scripture texts, and other peace theology topics. The class meets in the sanctuary.

Pizza nights at Hungry World Farm: The dates are all Fridays: July 17 and August 7. Guests are encouraged to bring their own drinks and outdoor seating if desired.

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

1 Chronicles 21:1-8 (NRSV)

The Census and Plague

21 Satan stood up against Israel and incited David to count the people of Israel. ² So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, “Go, number Israel, from Beer-sheba to Dan, and bring me a report, so that I may know their number.” ³ But Joab said, “May the LORD increase the number of his people a hundredfold! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord’s servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should he bring guilt on Israel?” ⁴ But the king’s word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came back to Jerusalem. ⁵ Joab gave the total count of the people to David. In all Israel there were one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and in Judah four hundred seventy thousand who drew the sword. ⁶ But he did not include Levi and Benjamin in the numbering, for the king’s command was abhorrent to Joab.

⁷ But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. ⁸ David said to God, “I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please remove the guilt of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.”