

Willow Springs Worship

Nurturing Faith Together

August 16, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship – Pam
HWB 825 – Psalm 146

Songs – Phil K.

Children's time – Andy

Back to School Recognition – VT 955

Scripture – John 18:28-40 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite
A Kingdom Not From This World

Song – HWB 166 I'll Praise My Maker With My Breath

Sharing and prayer – Elvin

Song

Announcements
Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song

Calendar

Aug. 23 Freedom House focus
Aug. 23 Menno Haven Swim, 2:00-4:00 pm
Aug. 30 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
June/July/August is Freedom House. Freedom
House provides compassionate, confidential, and
free services to victims of domestic and sexual
violence, as well as community outreach,
prevention education, and professional training.
Learn more about Freedom House here:
<https://freedomhouseillinois.org/>. 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.

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.

The **Menno Haven Summer Staff Reunion** is
happening in one month - on September 4-7. Plans
are getting finalized and we are getting excited. We
have over 50 folks registered representing all of the
decades.

Registration closes **August 19 at noon**, so
register today!! We need everyone who plans to
attend to register. Former Summer Staffers and
Year Round Staffers who served from 1959-2026
are invited. Former staffers are welcome to come
and bring their spouse and any minor dependent
children.

We still have overnight lodging available in our
dorms and a few spots left in hotel rooms. The
cabins and RV/Tent spots are wide open. Housing
Assignments will be assigned on a first come first
serve basis and will be assigned based on
registrations and on the number in your family. If
your family does not fill the suggested minimum for
the room, you will be asked to share housing with
another family if registration numbers do not allow
for single family lodging.

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

John 18:28-40 (NRSV)

Jesus before Pilate

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's
headquarters. It was early in the morning. They
themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to

avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.