

Willow Springs Worship

Nurturing Faith Together

October 25, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Prelude – VT 39 As We Rise

Welcome and Call to Worship – Esther
VT 884

Songs – Elaine & Ellen
VT 703 Rain Down
VT 738 Open My Eyes
VT 512 Let the Children Come

Children's time – Andy

Scripture – Psalm 50 NRSV

Sermon – Phil Waite
What Kind of Prayer?

Song – VT 42 Could It Be That God Is
Singing

Sharing and prayer – Dale

Song – VT 712 Beauty for Brokenness

Announcements
Sunday School ends at:

Sending Blessing – VT 985H

Calendar
Nov. 1, 8, 15 Phil Waite preaching
Nov. 4 Church Board, 7:00 pm
Nov. 14 Game Night, 6:00 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.

Our next game night will be Saturday, November 14
at 6:00 pm and will include a bonfire. We will bring
food to share as usual. When it gets dark, we will
go outside for the bonfire. Makings for s'mores will
be provided by the church. Then we can go back in
and play games if desired. Mark your calendars
and be ready for an evening of fun!

10/18 Pastoral Search Update: In consultation
with Conference Minister Bryan Miller, we are only
searching for a settled pastor at this time. Bryan
Miller has reached out to a number of persons on
our behalf. We encourage you to be praying for the
pastor who will be a good fit for us. If you have
questions about the search process please reach
out to one of us. – Ellen Davis-Zehr, Megan Krabill,
Phil Kaufmann, Tarik Kheshgi, and Anna Zehr.

Between now and the first Sunday of Advent
(November 29) our worship series will focus on
practice of prayer. Prayer undergirds the life of the
church and the individual Christian. It is at the
center of nurturing faith. Scripture models prayer for
us. The prayer that Jesus taught us gave shape to
the prayer life of the early church. Speech about
God, to God, and from God to us, fills the Bible. In
a world where most speech means talking to each
other about ourselves, prayer goes missing.
Scripture models many ways to pray. Christians
pray in many ways. This fall we will nurture our faith
together by exploring prayer!

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

Psalm 50 (NRSV)

The Acceptable Sacrifice

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

³ Our God comes and does not keep silent;
before him is a devouring fire
and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. *Selah*

⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,^[a]
and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.

¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,^[b]
and pay your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

¹⁶ But to the wicked God says,
"What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?

¹⁷ For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.

¹⁸ You make friends with a thief when you see
one,
and you keep company with adulterers.

¹⁹ You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.

²⁰ You sit and speak against your kin;
you slander your own mother's child.

²¹ These things you have done, and I have been
silent;
you thought that I was one just like yourself.

But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before
you.

²² Mark this, then, you who forget God,
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one
to deliver.

²³ Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice
honor me;
to those who go the right way,^[c]
I will show the salvation of God."