

# Willow Springs Worship

February 1, 2026 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

VT 14 – Anna Zehr

**Songs** – Phil Kaufmann

**Children's time** – James Nicholson

**Scripture** – Psalm 39:4-7; Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

**Sermon** – Phil Waite  
*The Meaning of Life*

**Songs** – VT 459 Let the Hungry Come to Me

**Sharing and prayer** – Pam Kaufmann

**Song**

## Announcements

Sunday School ends at:

**Sending** – VT 1069

**Sending Song**

## Calendar

- Feb. 8 Doug Kaufman from [Anabaptist Climate Collaborative](#) Preaching
- Feb. 13 Mennonite Women, 9:30 am
- Feb. 14 Game Night, 5:30 pm
- Feb. 15, 22 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.

For adult Sunday School today, we will continue discussing the booklet "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" The class meets in the sanctuary.

Thank you to everyone who helped with, and was willing to help with, transportation for the Living Water youth groups!

The Distress Supper for the 68<sup>th</sup> Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale will be held at First Mennonite Church of Morton on Tuesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. This is an organizational meeting for the Relief Sale. If you plan on attending, please talk to Ellen Davis-Zehr for information on how to RSVP. The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is on March 20-21.

**Game Night:** Saturday, February 14 at 5:30 pm. Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, and your favorite game!

Hopedale Mennonite Church is hosting a comforter bash Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 starting at 9:00 AM and continuing until 4:00 PM each day. From HMC: Our purpose is to put together as many comforters as possible to send to Mennonite Central Committee to be sent to our neighbors near and far who need the comfort and warmth of a colorful and well-made comforter. We are hoping to make 35-40 comforters. We invite all who are interested to join us one or both days, all day or part of a day, regardless of your skills in tying knots in a comforter. We will teach you the simple skills needed. We will provide lunch and snacks, as well as a fun time working together to help those in need around the world. We ask only that you contact Hopedale Mennonite Church to let us know you are coming so we can plan for lunch. See the flyer in your email for more information.

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

## Psalm 39:4-7 (NRSV)

- 4 "LORD, let me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.
- 5 You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.  
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.  
*Selah*
- 6 Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
they heap up and do not know who will  
gather.
- 7 "And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in you.

## Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

### *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."