

Willow Springs MC, Easter/Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2020

**Title: Show us your resurrection power and love**

Welcome to our Easter worship online!

**Focus statement**

Show us, one more time, the extent of your power over death. Show us how you can help us turn our present circumstances, world situations, and our hearts into the miracles of new life.

Call to worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let all the people listening declare:

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let all the earth declare:

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

**All: Hallelujah!**

We celebrate the resurrection and impact on our lives. Up from the grave he arose!

**Songs**

Low in the grave he lay

Thine is the glory

**Affirming our faith**

**All:** Since we have been raised to new life with Christ, we set our sights on the realities of heaven where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

We think about the things of heaven.

We too have died to the things of this earth and our real life is hidden with Christ in God.

And when Christ, who is our life, is revealed to the whole world,

we will share in all his glory. Thanks be to God (Colossians 3:1-4, NLT).

**Song - The wonder of the cross**

**King of all kings!**

**Children's time**

This week Jesus has shown us how his life became more abundant after what appeared to be the end/death.

As an illustration of resurrection, we can think of a gardener with a small tomato plant that has one bloom and explain how taking the flower off this small plant looks like a sad, wrong thing to do, but in reality it helps the plant have more energy to make even more and better leaves and blossoms. Then, there will be more tomatoes in the future.

Think of the story from Bible—going to the tomb, finding it empty, running to tell the other disciples, all running back to check, and then running to tell everyone in church about it.

What a change of life because Jesus died and is alive.

*Prayer:* Thank you, Jesus, for coming back to life with more energy and goodness than ever! Thanks for hope, joy and peace in your resurrection power! Amen.

**Scripture:** John 21:1-11

**Sermon:** Walking into the Sunrise

**Singing** Deep within  
**Prayer**

We proclaim,

**ALL: Lord, I'm walking in your Sunrise, I hold on to you!**

**Ritual of response**

I invite you to record one area of your life you want to see God's resurrection love and power over death. It might be something that feels like it has died in your life, or a place of conflict in the world, or a relationship that seems to have died.

Tuck it into their Bible and pull it out periodically to help them notice how God's power is alive in their concern and how God's love is bringing healing.

**Sharing** - Pastoral prayer/offering prayer

The Lord walks with us these days in all the unanswered questions in our lives and around the world.

Prayer for many impacted by the coronavirus:

+Health care workers, and other leaders in care centers.

+Neighbors near and far.

+The unemployed.

+Small business owners.

+Those with the virus.

+Those with other illnesses.

+People around the world grieving the loss of a loved one.

+The poor and homeless.

+All in developing countries.

+Societal and cultural institutions.

+National leaders all over the world.

We offer our lives to the Lord for encounters of life in the midst of the pressure and stress of the CV19 challenges.

Give us wisdom as we know we belong to you and each other!

Offerings can be mailed to Willow Springs at PO BOX 386, Tiskilwa, 61368

**Song** Jesus has done so much for me

Jesus has done so much for each of us. It's our choice to walk in the sunrise. In the current cv19, we walk into a Sunrise. In all things we hold to our living Lord and Friend! Jesus is alive.

**Benediction**

It is a new day. Ride into the rising of Jesus the Son. Continue in the joy of Jesus' resurrection, to spread the good news that death is not the end, that God's love is the power we can lean into, and that the cross has been forever transformed into the assurance of eternity with our Lord.

**Singing.** Continue to celebrate the resurrection in song with the congregation.

May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking with Jesus. Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus, Our Living Lord.