

## **Willow Springs Worship recorded for May 31, 2020**

Welcome to Willow Springs Worship this Pentecost Sunday!

Prelude song: Here in this place HWB#6

### **Call to Worship**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

P: For God has done wondrous things for us.

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

P: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today in hope.

P: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

### **Opening Prayer**

God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Songs:** Holy Spirit come with power HWB#26  
Fear not rejoice and be glad SR#20

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah!

**Song:** Loving Spirit SJ#34  
If you believe and I believe SJ#32  
Nothing is lost on the breath of God SS#121

**Children's time:** The New Testament was written in Greek. I remember learning that the Greek roots for the word hope in the New Testament is not just hoping for something, like a nice day or a good bowl of cereal. Hope has an expectation with an eager expectation. What do you hope for? Do you have faith mixed in to have an eager expectation?

Because of the great love God has for us we live in a strong new hope. It's not found anywhere. And it is Jesus that gives us this special hope. Our eager expectation is in that God will work in us and through us now and forever to

change us and change the way people can live and point to Jesus for everyone to see. What an eager expectation. Our friend Jesus comes to us. We walk into the future with Jesus.

Pray: Thank you Jesus for the special love you give to us to know you are with us. Thanks for our eager expectation of you at work in our lives!

**Scriptures:** John 15:26-16:15, Acts 2:1-21

**Sermon:** Eager Expectations and the Spirit of Jesus

**Songs:** I will come to you in your silence SS#49  
Rain down SJ#49

### **Sharing and pastoral 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.
- +The church here and around the world.
- +Postal and retail workers
- + The moments towards a new normal.

Guide us in the re-gathering vision as the future unfolds.

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:** Down the mountain the river flows

### **Benediction**

Awesome Spirit! Fill us overflowing with hope. You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power. Help us to be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. AMEN.

Song: New earth, heavens new HWB#299