

## **Willow Springs Worship recorded for May 10, 2020**

**Prelude:** Come Lord Jesus Come

### **Call to Worship**

L: You are never left outside God's house.

P: There is always room for us.

L: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

P: When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.

L: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

P: We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.

**Songs:** God of the Bible SJ#27

Let justice flow like a stream SJ#65

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### **Words of Assurance**

Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah!

**Song:** Do not pass me by

**Children's time:** Is there something you really wonder about? Are mermaids real? Unicorns? How many dinosaurs lived on earth? If corona will have its own vaccine? Why do worms come out of their holes when it rains? Couldn't they just go deeper? Are aliens real? I wonder how many creatures live deep in the ocean and we have no idea what they are? There's much to wonder about. We wonder, but then we learn. Then, we find out we have more to learn. That's like how it was with the disciple Thomas. He knew Jesus. He followed Jesus. But then Jesus died. Then the other disciples and followers said Jesus was alive. He learned that but, he still wondered. God knew that Jesus coming to Thomas would help him learn. Jesus did come and Thomas could feel the wounds of Jesus' dying. Thomas did not need to wonder anymore! He learned Jesus is alive! We celebrate with Thomas this Easter Season of the Church! Pray: Thanks, Lord that you have given us minds to wonder, think and learn. When we wonder about you, thanks that is a foundation to learn more. Help us to learn and grow. In Jesus' Name! Amen.

**Scriptures:** John 14:1-14, 20:19-31

## **Sermon: Tough Week Towards Transformation**

**Songs:** I will come to you in your silence SS#49  
Make me a channel of your peace

### **Prayer**

**Sharing** Happy Mother's day! We celebrate our mom's and those women of the church that have nurtured our lives in the way of Christ!

### **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.

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:** I'm trading my sorrows

### **Benediction**

With Our Living Lord walk in peace. Dream for the Kingdom.

May the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness,  
always be with you.

Live, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge.

You are not alone.

The Living Jesus is always with you.

AMEN.