

## **Willow Springs Worship recorded for May 17, 2020**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** The gate stands open, ready for us to enter.

**P:** But we are stubborn and fear to enter the gateway.

**L:** Listen for the voice of the true Shepherd.

**P:** His voice will we hear and obey.

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### **Opening Prayer**

We are standing at the gate, O Loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

**Songs:** You're my deliverer

Come we that love the Lord HWB#14

### **Prayer of Confession**

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep wondering around creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore your voice, the one Shepherd, who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to you, the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in you who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and non-thoughtfulness. For we ask this in your name, Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

### **Words of Assurance**

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. The place of peace has a gate. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. AMEN.

**Song:** Be Thou my vision HWB#545

Tis not the eyes of flesh we see HWB#571

**Children's time:** What do you think of when you hear the word mystery"? May be a riddle, a puzzle, something that is know but not known to us. In Paul's writing to the church in Corinth, he wrote, "We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began." God has made us and know everything about us. But there is so much we do not really know now. That unknown is a mystery. We know the mystery of god is solved for us! Jesus has come. He shows and leads the way to have an awesome life.

Pray - Lord thanks that you gave us the ability to think, learn and grow. As we grow we know there is so much we do not know. It's a mystery to us. Thanks that the mystery of the meaning of life is solved through Jesus coming. Thanks Jesus for showing us real life! Amen.

**Scriptures:** Psalm 145:13, John 10:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

**Sermon:** The Significant Gate!

Psalm 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom  
and your dominion endures through all generations."

**Songs:** No eye has seen By Phil and Pam Kaufmann  
If we stumble we must keep on walking

**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.

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 help us live in peace SJ#52

**Benediction**

Come through the gate of joy and hope, moving into the world that needs to hear the words of peace. Come through the gate from a world of chaos to a perspective of peace. Continue in peace for all God's people, bringing good news of Christ's abundant love for all. AMEN.