

## **Willow Springs Worship recorded for June 14, 2020**

### **Call to Worship**

L:As the weak realize their strength;  
as the poor eat and are satisfied,

P:God's love abides in us and through us.

L:As the stranger finds a friend;  
as the family offers forgiveness,

P:God's love abides in us and through us.

L:As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,

P:God's love abides in us and through us.

**Songs:** O have you not heard of the beautiful stream HWB#606  
Take us to the river

### **Prayer**

Our Father,  
each day is a little life,  
each night a tiny death;  
help us to live with faith and hope and love.  
Lift our duty above drudgery;  
let not our strength fail, or the vision fade,  
in the heat and burden of the day.

O God, make us patient and pitiful one with another  
in the fret and jar of life,  
remembering that each fights a hard fight  
and walks a lonely way.

Forgive us, Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls;  
teach us a gentler tone, a sweeter charity of words,  
and a more healing touch.  
Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow;  
give us courage for the day and hope for the morrow.  
Day unto day may we lay hold of thy hand and look up into thy face,  
whatever befall,  
until our work is finished and the day is done.

Amen.

~ Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226.

**Songs:** Love is patient and kind S&R72  
Christ is alive SS#89

**Children's time:** What are some things that seems dead but them come to life. I think of the seeds in gardens and all the corn and bean seed that is planted. I think of cacoons and how they seem dead and then all of a suddended there is life and a butterfly comes alive. They pass from death to life as we watch. When we live in God's love it's like we are passing from death into life. God's love guices and helps us love others on this journey. If we do not love it's like we

are dead. But God gives us love and we can love others - in this love, we pass from death to life!

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:1-24 from the VOICE version

**Sermon:** Children of God: Love in Alignment and Action

**Songs:** How can we be silent SS#61

### **Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

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

For transformation of the systems we live into toward a just society.

May your presence work: in the protestors message, in family groups, in community leaders and government leaders for transformation away from racism in us and among us.

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.**

**+Postal and retail workers**

**+ The moments towards a new normal.**

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

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

**Song:** There is more love somewhere SJ#109

### **Benediction**

Continue your journey inspired by the extravagant love of God.

Live generously, with open hands,

loving one another as if your lives depended on it.

Be good stewards of the gifts you have received,

so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do.

And may the abundant love of God surround you,  
may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you,  
and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit  
inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word.

Amen.