

Willow Springs Worship recorded for June 21, 2020

Prelude - Take us to the river

Call to Worship

L: Gracious God, we come in search of Christ, the Author of life.

All: Open the scripture to us that we might see Christ truly
and meet You face to face.

Prayer: Reconciling God,
before whose face we are turn,
free us from the need to justify ourselves by our own anxious striving,
that we may abandoned to faith alone in you,
Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Songs: Praise the One SS#1
Mighty to save
Praise to the Lord the Almighty HWB#37

Hope for the journey:

L: May God lift up each sagging shoulder
and strengthen every weakened knee;

P: May God strengthen the path for each tired foot
and turn to peace every embattled heart;

L: may God so bless each merciful word
and magnify every faithful deed.

All: that each root of bitterness can be pulled from the earth and the tree of life planted in its
place.

Songs: Bless the Lord O my soul

Children's time: It is a special weekend - Father's Day! We celebrate our Dad's and other
men in the church, influence and guidance in our lives. We also celebrate God's love. We can
think of God caring for us deeply in a love that is chosen for each one of us. I was singing Great
is Thy Faithfulness as I walked our dog this morning. "Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my
Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassion, they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"

What a celebration to know God's loves each of us and chooses to love everyone in the whole
world!

Prayer: Lord thanks for our Dads and the people that have been Father figures in our lives. We
thank you for your steadfast love! We celebrate you and the love we have felt and experienced
from others in our lives. Thanks for that foundation to love others! In Jesus' name! Amen.

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-10 (The Message)

1 What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. 2 But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. 3 All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

4 All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. 5 Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in him, and sin is not part of his program. 6 No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backwards. 7 So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth. It's the person who acts right who is right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah. 8 Those who make a practice of sin are straight from the Devil, the pioneer in the practice of sin. The Son of God entered the scene to abolish the Devil's ways. 9 People conceived and brought into life by God don't make a practice of sin. How could they? God's seed is deep within them, making them who they are. It's not in the nature of the God-begotten to practice and parade sin. 10 Here's how you tell the difference between God's children and the Devil's children: The one who won't practice righteous ways isn't from God, nor is the one who won't love brother or sister. A simple test.

Sermon: Works of the Devil and a Broom of Repentance!

Songs: Songs of Deliverance
Yes, Lord

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: Live your life in me

Benediction

L: We joined in worship

P: We continue now to serve.

L: We have been given the light.

P: We let it shine in the darkness of the world.

L: We have been blessed by God's love.

P: We go now to share it.

L: We are Christ's disciples.

P: We continue now to witness to all.