

Willow Springs Worship recorded for June 7, 2020

Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 146)

L: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

P: for God keeps faith forever!

L: God executes justice for the oppressed

P: and gives food for the hungry.

L: God sets the prisoners free

P: and opens the eyes of the blind.

L: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

L: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

P: for God keeps faith forever!

Opening Prayer

Songs: Come and See

Indescribable

Praise to the Lord, Thee Almighty HWB#37

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge that you are God and we are not.

Silence

Most merciful God,

we acknowledge that we are captive and cannot free ourselves.

We have missed the mark against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your ways
and walk in your hope,
to the glory of your holy name.

Words of Assurance

With the Lord there is forgiveness and a new start this day.

The LORD reigns for ever, your God, sisters and brothers for all generations.

Song: Sing hallelujah to the Lord
I will sing unto the Lord

Children's time: Sometimes we run across a great big pile of something. There is a pile of fill dirt by our house. At Hungry World Farm there is a pile of gravel. Those piles are a heap of some material. Many times it takes a lot of work to make a heap of something. Many times it takes a lot of work to move a heap.

In my imagination I think of some people using their ideas to create a pile of people - a human heap. Life is not fun just piled together. It's hard to see. It's crowded and hard to move around.

God comes to us to create a new life outside of the human heap. God wants to plant in us a vision of life seeing real life and not stuck in the ideas around us.

Psalm 146 gives us a new perspective, a new hope.

Let's pray and then listen to Psalm 146. We praise you Lord, that we are not stuck in life. You love all more that we can ever know. Thanks Jesus for guiding us and being a friend on this journey of life! In your precious Name, Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 146

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful for ever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

Sermon: Beyond the Human Heap

Songs: God of the Bible SJ#27

There's no one like Jesus

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.

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: Soon and very soon

Benediction

Lord, thank you that You watch over us without slumber.

Your love is faithful and never ending for all.

You sustain us on our journey.

Great are Your mercies toward us!

You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords and You reign forever through all generations!

I love You and praise You our Lord, our Savior, our King!

We will continue in your vision of peace.

In Jesus' precious name, Amen.