

Willow Springs Worship recorded for July 5, 2020

Call to Worship

L: We bring our lives before you this hour.

P: Work in us O Lord.

L: Show us the steadfast nature of your love.

P: Teach us how to love one another

L: to build life in Your Reign!

Songs: Mountain of God
Freedom

Prayer: Lord God, whose insistent call
disturbs our settled lives;
give us discernment to hear your word,
grace to relinquish our tasks;
and courage to follow empty handed wherever you may lead;
that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth SS# 145

Songs: Dear Lord and Father of mankind HWB#523
I stand amazed in His presence HWB#528

Children's time: Sometimes I think about rocks. Here's a rock from April's rock collection that she gave to me. What a rock! What are some qualities of rocks? There are different colors. They might be shiny or have crystals in them. Rocks are in so many different sizes. Rocks are used in buildings around us. What else? Rocks last such a long time! This is the most amazing aspect of rocks for me. This rock is older than me by millions of years. When I die this rock will continue as a rock for generations to come! Then I think how God is a rock. Jesus is a rock that never rolls. God's love is solid. God's care ever ends.

So, think of rocks and God's love that does not change in commitment. It always there. Rock solid awesome!

Pray: Thanks Lord that you made rocks and we can think of you being a rock of love in our lives! You created us in love! Your love goes on forever! Thanks for your love in Jesus whose name we pray! Amen!

Scripture: Lamentations 3:21-26, Ephesians 3:14-21, 1 John 4:7-13

Sermon: *LOVE - Steadfast!*

Songs: We will follow in the foot prints of Jesus Christ
Your love is amazing

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

The Lord walks with us these days in all the unanswered questions in our lives and around the world! Pandemic. Economic. Striving for a just society.

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: He leadeth me HWB#599

Benediction:

May the grace of Christ that daily renews our lives,
and the love of God that enables us to love all persons,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that unites us as one body,
make us discern
and prompt to obey
the purposes of God
through Jesus Christ Our Lord,
live in love.

Song: I sought the Lord HWB#506