

## Willow Springs Sunday Worship 9:30 am, *Easter Season, May 22, 2022*

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**Welcome and Call to Worship, Voices Together (purple) VT# 877**

**Prayer - Voices Together #1026**

**Songs**

**Children's time**

**Scripture** Mark 1:35-38, John 14:23-29, Acts 16:9-15

**Sermon** Christ Connected and Directed

**Songs**

**Sharing/Pastoral prayer**

After prayer times *“Lord, in your mercy”* respond with *“hear our prayer.”*

**Offering Song**

**Announcements – AFTER WORSHIP**, Congregational discussion on using Widerstand anti-racism materials.

**May 26**, Ascension Day.

**May 30**, Rally Day at Menno Haven.

**June 5-9** Tiskilwa Community VBS.

**Sending VT# 1066**

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**Mark 1:35-38** Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

**John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does

not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

### **Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

#### Lydia’s Conversion in Philippi

<sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

As of Sunday, May 15, masks are strongly encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you are one who can wear a mask without much difficulty, you are encouraged to continue to wear one. As always, if you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom.

Thank you for abiding by our previous guidelines! We rejoice that, to our knowledge, no Covid cases have been transmitted at our worship services. We desire that it remain that way. Above all, let us show our love and respect for one another in what is still a difficult time.