

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
November 21, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Ken Edwards
Prelude

Introit This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made Choir

Call to Worship Jack Arnold

Let's pause and take a breath.

**Between turkey and carols,
"black Friday" and "cyber Monday,"**

let's pause and take a breath, looking for signs,
listening for sounds of a realm not of this world.

It's real. It's truth. It's the reign of Christ—
**the reign that was with us before, is with us now,
and is still not yet fully here.**

Let's pause and breathe in life and love and truth.

Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH 152

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,

where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

Anthem I Will Trust in the Lord Choir

Prayers of the People: Joys and Concerns
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayers.**

Children's Message Jack Arnold

Scripture Reading John 18:33-37 Jack Arnold
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Living in Christ Rev. Ken Edwards

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory It Is Well with My Soul
Jeff Jeffrey, Rheatta Petty, Choir

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, before time and beyond space,
**we admit to our human limits as we try to imagine the
reign of truth
that you envision for us.**

When we follow worldly powers and stray from the good path
you desire for all you have created,
give us Jesus.

Give us Jesus, O God—
**not a Jesus high and lifted up, but chained and
arraigned by
authorities with boldness to tell the truth.**

Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be
done in our time.

**Embolden us with the confidence that your reign will
one day come.**

Come, O Strong One, come. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's promises are everlasting, ordered and secure.

God loves us and frees us.

Accept God's forgiveness, for we are forgiven. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere...and so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...as we proclaim the mystery of death:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...all honor and glory is yours, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer after Receiving

Commission and Blessing

Rev. Ken Edwards

Benedictory Response

Day by day, day by day,
O dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day (repeat)

(End) Day by day—day by day by day by day by day.

Call to Worship and Offering Prayer are from the "Abingdon
Worship Annual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 21, 6 pm at Pegram Church of Christ

ADVENT GIVING SUNDAY - DEC. 12

We will collect donations to provide gift bags for some of the residents at The Waters of Cheatham, as well as to provide lunch for the teachers and staff at Kingston Springs Elementary School on the Teacher Work Day. Please mark "Advent Giving" on your checks and online donations. Donations can be made anytime until Dec.12. In lieu of donating money, if you would like to buy items from the wish lists of The Waters' residents, contact Libby Goodwin at 615-568-2254 or libbygoodwin@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS

We are looking for people to provide nursery care on Sunday mornings. Please let Kelli know if you know of anyone who is interested.

MONTHLY GIVING

Through October it takes \$140,416 to run the church and its programs.

Through October the church has received \$122,137 from all sources.

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