

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
January 9, 2022

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude** Beach Spring Stephan Dudash

**Introit** Water, River, Spirit, Peace Choir

**Call to Worship** Teresa Hargis

Our God is a God of power and strength!

**God has created each of us with tender care.**

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

**God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.**

Our God calls us each by name.

**God calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

**Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy! UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**Anthem** Take Me to the Water Choir

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

**Children's Message** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Scripture Reading** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Teresa Hargis

**Sermon** Signs of Love Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Teresa Hargis

**Offertory** I've Just Come from the Fountain Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

**Prayer of Confession**

**Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. 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

## Hymn Spirit of Faith, Come Down

UMH 332

Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,  
and make to us the Godhead known,  
and witness with the blood.  
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,  
who did for every sinner die  
hath surely died for me.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,  
unless thou take the veil away  
and breathe the living Word.  
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,  
and cry with joy unspeakable,  
"Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!  
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;  
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,  
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith  
(which whosoe'er receive, the witness in themselves  
they have and consciously believe),  
the faith that conquers all,  
and doth the mountain move,  
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call,  
and perfects them in love.

## Commission and Blessing

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

## Benedictory Song

Day by Day

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.

Call to Worship is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*. Offertory Prayer is adapted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance are written by Nancy C. Townley from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Our Adult Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12. We will be discussing the book of Acts together.

### **NURSERY CARE VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to provide nursery care on Sundays from 10-11:30a. Volunteers will bring our nursery kids to worship at 10:30, take them to the nursery following Children's Message, and bring them back for Communion.

### **MONTHLY GIVING**

Through November, it takes \$168,500 to run the church and its programs.

Through November, the church has received \$137,100 from all sources.

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