### Kingston Springs United Methodist Church Order of Worship March 21, 2021

Prelude	There's a Sweet, Swe	eet Spirit Karen Whiteaker	
Greeting		Rev. Kelli Hamilton	
Call to Worsh	ір	Karen Whiteaker	
Every week is a new week, another chance to say: <b>"Here I am. Use me."</b> Every day is a new day, another chance to say: <b>"Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."</b> Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say: <b>"Again and again, make me new."</b> We do not come to this place to stay the same. <b>We come to this place to be changed.</b> So let us worship holy God, who created yesterday, Will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new. <b>Thanks be to God. Amen.</b>			

Hymn Hymn of Promise - UMH 707 Karen Whiteaker

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

# Prayers of the People Children's Sermon Rev. Kelli Hamilton Scripture Reading John 12:20-33 Karen Whiteaker Sermon Again & Again, We Are Reformed Rev. Kelli Hamilton Offering Hymn Here I Am, Lord - UMH 593 Karen Whiteaker

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain – Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.I have wept for love of them. They turn away.I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain* 

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain* 

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, We want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; We want to be people who bear much fruit. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Once again, forgive us for holding onto our lives So tightly that we neglect to care for others. Amen.

# Words of Forgiveness

Friends, despite our wonderings, Despite our distractions, Despite wrong turns, time and time again, We are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator. Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator. Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator. Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator. Today is a new day. Again and again, we are forgiven; Again and again, we are reformed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

# **Holy Communion**

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.

# Holy Communion, cont'd.

It is right and a good 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 the one 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

### **Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

God Is So Good

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