

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
April 11, 2021

Greeting

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude

David Wood

Call to Worship

Julia Rich

As early followers of Jesus gathered
for fellowship and worship,
praying and singing and reading the scriptures,
so we gather this morning.

We read in Acts
that the whole group of those who believed
were of one heart and mind.
One heart. One mind.
They shared everything—
everything they owned, everything they had.
God's grace was at work in them,
powerfully at work within them all.
There was not a needy person among them.
May it be so for us as well. Amen.

Hymn

The Gift of Love - UMH 408
Julia Rich, David Wood, GR Davis

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Prayers of the People

Children's Sermon

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Julia Rich

Sermon

Bearing Witness: Communal Care

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offering

Anthem

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – UMH 526

Julia Rich, David Wood, GR Davis

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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.

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

Wayfaring Stranger

Julia Rich, David Wood, GR Davis