

*Kingston Springs United Methodist Church*  
**Order of Worship**  
May 30, 2021

**Greeting** Jack Arnold

**Prelude** **Freely** Rheatta Petty, Julia Rich

**Call to Worship** Rheatta Petty

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us!  
**The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness.**

You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world.

**Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. Amen.**

**Hymn Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us – UMH 331**

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come console us, come as advocate to plead;  
Loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live;  
Holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

**Prayers of the People**

**Children's Sermon** Jack Arnold

**Scripture Reading** Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17  
Rheatta Petty

**Sermon** **In on the Joke** Jack Arnold

**Offering**

**Hymn Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me – UMH 336**

Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease  
To take and treasure most these three: love, joy, and peace.

The Spirit shows me love's the root of every gift sent from above,  
Of every flower, of every fruit, that God is love.

The Spirit shows if I possess a love no evil can destroy;  
However great is my distress, then this is joy.

Though what's ahead is mystery, and life itself is ours on lease,  
Each day the Spirit says to me, "Go forth in peace!"

We go in peace, but made aware that, in a needy world like this,  
Our clearest purpose is to share love, joy, and peace.

## 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 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

## Commission and Blessing

**Postlude**

Day by Day

Julia Rich, Rheatta Petty