

*Kingston Springs United Methodist Church*  
**Order of Worship**  
May 9, 2021

**Greeting** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude** I Love You, Lord Mary Combs

**Call to Worship** Jody Combs

We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

**Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.**

We come with hope to witness to God's power!

**Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.**

We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

**We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness, and serve. AMEN.**

**Hymn** I've Just Come from the Fountain – FWS 2250  
Jody and Mary Combs

*Refrain:* (O Lord,) I've just come from the fountain,  
I've just come from the fountain,  
Lord, I've just come from the fountain,  
His name's so sweet.

O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Brother, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet. *Refrain*

O sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Sister, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet. *Refrain*

O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.  
Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet. *Refrain*

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Scripture Reading** Acts 10:44-48 Jody Combs

**Sermon** Bearing Witness: Giving & Receiving Hospitality  
Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offering**

**Hymn** Help Us Accept Each Other – UMH 560  
Mary Combs

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## Prayer of Confession

God Who Breaks Open, we confess that we have closed in, boarded up, and cut ourselves off from others. We have made churches into boxes that only allow certain people in, all while stating that we welcome everyone. Forgive us, O God, for we might not recognize Jesus if he came to us. Forgive us, O God, for not being open to the power of the Spirit that blows through windows and doors. Forgive us, O God, for hardening our hearts. Open unto us your love and forgiveness. Break open our hardened hearts to receive one another graciously. Break us open, O God, to your ways, made known to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Our God is the God of dawn, the God of breaking open, the God of the empty tomb. Our God continues to do a new thing that springs forth. You are made new. You are loved. You are forgiven. Go and share the good news, that God is making all things new.

## 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 Communion, *cont'd.*

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**

Blest Be the Tie

Mary Combs