

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
August 1, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude El Camino Stephan Dudash,
David Wood

Introit What Does the Lord Require of You Choir

***Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Here with these people you are called into a calling.
Come, friends, you are welcome -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we choose to love each other, lift each other up, humbly,
gently, patiently -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we are a small part of one body in one Spirit,
with one Lord, one faith, one baptism -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here we share hope in one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all -

in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

***Hymn** Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Anthem Guide My Feet 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 Ephesians 4:1-16 Bob Sanders

Sermon God's Powerful Love Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Bob Sanders

Offertory Lord, I See You Stephan Dudash

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, one God with the Father and the Spirit,
thank you for your amazing generosity to us.
You pour out your gifts on your people,
for the building up of your church,
for the redemption of the world.**

**We confess to you that many of the gifts you have given us remain unopened.
We are scared to touch them.
We have not unwrapped them.
We're afraid of what the gift may become in us, and of what you will ask of us.
So we chose to remain vulnerable to pushy teachings and selfish schemes.**

**Give us again, Lord God, the gifts that we need to grow up, to become more like Jesus.
Give us the courage to grasp the gifts within us, to open space for new skills to grow.
Show us how to serve your people as you call us to.
Thank you, generous God, for the gift of new beginnings.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! The God who lavishly bestows gifts of love, grace, and mercy, forgives us. It is by God's grace that we are bound together, growing as one to be more like Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

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

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Commission and Blessing

***Benedictory Response**

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 by day.

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