

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

July 18, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude O Brother Man David Wood

Introit Hallelu, Hallelujah! Choir

***Call to Worship** Susan Greer

The Lord has restored us.

Come, you thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

The Lord has brought us near, a people once far off.

Come, you thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

The Lord has reconciled us in one body through the cross.

Come, you thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

Now we all have access to God in one spirit; let us rejoice and be glad!

***Hymn** Jesus Loves Me UMH 191

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."
(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
(Refrain)

Anthem Spirit of the Living God 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 2:11-22 Susan Greer

Sermon Bound Together Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Susan Greer

Offertory I've Got Peace Like a River Choir

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

God, we believe you have called us to unity,
but often we have isolated ourselves from others.

**Forgive us for the times we have turned our backs
on those who are different.**

We believe you have called us to live together as one body.

**Forgive us for the times we have created division
within your worldwide church.**

We believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others.

**Forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked
those with different viewpoints.**

We believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand
all who are called by your name.

Forgive us for the times we have offended you

by failing to love others as we do ourselves.

We believe you call us to be one even as you are one.

**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored
and make us one.**

God and Creator of all humankind,
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one
even as you our God are one.
May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,
so that by the power of the Spirit,
we might find the oneness that you intend for us.

**God, may we see in your oneness
our need for unity,
may we see in your three-ness
our need for community,
may we see in your creativity
our need for diversity,
may we see in your self
our need to love each other.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Children of God, hear the good news! In Christ, we have
forgiveness, unity, and peace.

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.

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