

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
August 29, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude Thy Holy Wings Stephan Dudash

Introit Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship Jack Arnold

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.
Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee UMH 452

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Anthem Make Me a Servant 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 James 1:17-27 Jack Arnold
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Mind the Gap Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory Bring Forth the Kingdom Choir

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness,
your call beckons to us:
to live faithful lives,
to turn from wickedness,

to walk in your ways;
yet it is so easy to turn aside:
to speak a thoughtless word,
to ignore those in need,
to strike out in anger,
to forget your ways.
Forgive us.
Implant your word in our hearts,
so that the fruit of your gospel
will be made known in our lives.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is “in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive”—surely evidence of “the implanted word that has the power to save our souls”—Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **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.

Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession - adapted from the liturgy from ministrymatters.com
Words of Assurance - written by Moira Laidlaw
Offertory Prayer - from Liturgy in Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS - RESUME SEPT. 1

Text Caroline Reynolds at 615-268-8667 by Monday each week with the number of adult and children's meals you need.

Waverly Flood Relief Effort

Items Needed:

- UMCOR Cleaning Kits - see flyer in narthex
- UMCOR Hygiene Kits - see flyer in narthex
- Large heavy-duty garbage bags
- Blowers or fans
- Rakes
- Square shovels
- Medium plastic totes
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Mops
- Depends - male & female, all sizes
- Feminine hygiene products
- New underwear - adult & children, male & female, all sizes
- New socks - all sizes
- Mud boots
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- xl, 2xl, 3xl, etc. clothing
- Pre-packaged food that doesn't need to be cooked

Bring items to church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights (5:30-7:30p).

We will collect donations until **Sept. 26** (or longer if needed).

Financial donations can be given to our UMC Conference via the link in our weekly church ENews or mailed to: TNUMC

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