

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

August 8, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude The Keeper of the Stars Stephan Dudash,
G.R. Davis, David Wood

Introit Hallelu, Hallelujah! Choir

Call to Worship Jack Arnold

Did you hear about Christ?

Yes, we heard of the truth that is in Jesus.

Were you taught how to live?

Yes, we were taught to turn away from old habits and lies.

Do you want to be remade?

**Yes, we want to be more like God,
we want to know what is right and do what is right.**

Will you live a life of love?

**Yes, we refuse to grumble or gossip, we won't be catty or
harsh.**

We will be kind and caring, as best we can.

We will forgive, as we have been forgiven.

Will you copy Christ?

Yes, because he loved us first and gave himself up for us.

Hymn Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Anthem More Like You 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 4:25-5:2 Jack Arnold

Sermon Building Up Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory Woke Up This Morning Choir

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

O Eternal One, whose message to us has always been that our relationship to you is inextricably related to how we treat our sisters and brothers, bend low your spirit this day and touch us with your power.

Wean us from our tendency to nurture perceived slights and to put hot coals to our anger.

Wean us from all tendencies to take advantage of others for personal gain.

Wean us from negativity and from becoming bitter whether or not we think we are justified in our feelings.

Wean us from the all too human and common tendency to gossip about others and to slander them in any way.

Wean us from carrying malice in our hearts and from giving in to anything that would poison relationships with others.

Make us over again, O gracious God.

Words of Assurance

Now that we have confessed our tendency to tear others down instead of building them up, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

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

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Back-to-School Blessing

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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