

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
September 12, 2021

**Greeting and Announcements** Jack Arnold

**Prelude**

**Introit** Allelu, Allelujah! Choir

**Call to Worship** Vicki Sanders

Loving and caring God,  
**we come this morning seeking wisdom  
and guidance for our lives.**

Open us to your words of life and love and truth.

**May we proclaim with our tongues  
what we know in our hearts.**

In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it  
means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a  
follower of the path of wisdom.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

**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** Wonderful Words of Life Choir

**Prayers of the People:** Joys and Concerns  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayers.**

**Children's Message** Jack Arnold

**Scripture Reading** James 3:1-12 Vicki Sanders

This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Taming the Tongue Rev. Levi Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Vicki Sanders

**Offertory** An Evening Prayer Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you today  
**knowing that we often fall short of your call  
to love one another well.**

We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power.

**We ignore those around us  
who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection.**

We tune out the cries of the poor  
and those on the edges of our communities.

**Help us to see your great generosity,  
hear your word of mercy,**

**and feel your great love**

for all who need your redemptive grace.

**Strengthen us to reach out in service  
to those who are in need.**

Make us aware of those outside our own communities,

**that we may see them as your precious children  
and serve them in humility and joy.**

May we continue to grow in grace

**as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great  
Servant,**

**even Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

We have received, not the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God.

May we understand the grace and forgiveness  
bestowed upon us by God,

that others may find the Kingdom within us and among us.

## 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. Levi 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 & Offering Prayer are from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

Prayer of Confession is written by Sarah Sanderson-Doughty.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

We are suspending Wednesday Night Dinners until COVID cases go down.

### WAVERLY RECOVERY NEEDS

Waverly UMC and surrounding churches do not need any more donations at this time, but they could use Visa or MasterCard gift cards. We'll collect these at church and deliver them as we collect a good number of them.

### PRAYER FOR STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

At the Back-to-School Supply Giveaway, our South Cheatham Ministerial Association hosted a booth inviting parents to submit the names of their children for our churches to pray for throughout the school year. If you would like a list of these students to pray for, let Kelli know.