

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
September 19, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude

Introit Allelu, Allelujah! Choir

Call to Worship Karen Whiteaker

Who is wise and understanding among us?
Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day.
Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.
Come, learn more about the wisdom from above,
a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.
O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!
We draw near to you.

Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord UMH 419

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.
Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
(Refrain)

O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
(Refrain)

Anthem Since Jesus Came Into My Heart 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 3:13-4:3, 7-8 Karen Whiteaker

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

Sermon Lift from the Core Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Karen Whiteaker

Offertory Blessed Assurance Julia Rich, G.R. Davis

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

O God,
we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day
with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.
Forgive us for not asking for your insight.
Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives
of goodness and peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We have received, not the spirit of the world,
When we come before God in humility and honesty,
God draws near to us with forgiveness
and renewed blessing.
Thanks be to God!

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, Prayer of Confession, and
Words of Assurance
are from "The Abingdon Worship Annual."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

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

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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, OCT. 3, 5 pm at Pegram UMC

CHURCH VISIONING

Our Church Council has been focusing on discerning our church's particular identity and purpose in our community. I would love to have more voices, ideas, and insights in these discussions. If you would like to be involved, please let Kelli know. Church Council meets the third Tuesday of every month.