

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
September 5, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude

Introit Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship Susan Greer

Holy One, we call upon your name,
**for we know that your name and favor
are more precious than human riches.**
You hate wickedness
and abhor the neglect of your people.
**You call us to righteousness,
to reach out to others with justice and mercy.**
You teach us right from wrong,
that we may truly live in your grace.
**In the shadow of that grace,
we offer compassion and mercy to others.**
Abide with us this day,
that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

Hymn I Come with Joy UMH 617

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

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 2:1-17 Susan Greer
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Favoritism and Faith Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Susan Greer

Offertory The Unclouded Day 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 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, Offering Prayer, Prayer of Confession & Words of
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