

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

October 17, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude David Wood

Introit Many and Great, O God Choir

Call to Worship

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve.”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Hymn Nothing but the Blood UMH 362

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful 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 Mark 10:32-45
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Refocus Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Revive Us Again Choir

Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.

Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.

Words of Assurance

Our God deals gently with those who stumble, who lose their way, and who get dazzled by wanting power and glory. That is the good news for us. We are forgiven and graced with new life.

Thanks be to God, who is the home of our hearts, who fills us with grace and mercy in every moment. 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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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.

Call to Worship is written by the Rev. Dr. Krisitina Lizardy-Hajibi from Worship Ways website. Offering Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance are written by Thom Shuman from Lectionary Liturgies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOV. 7

If you would like to add to our saints banner the name of a loved one who has passed, let Kristy Finney know. As we will celebrate all those who have gone before us, I would like to have 3-4 people share an example of how they have seen someone live out the love of God and neighbor. You can record yourself sharing this story and send it to me and we will show it during worship. I need these recordings by Oct. 27.

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN STREET: SATURDAY, OCT. 30

Our church will pass out candy to trick-or-treaters from 5-7:30p. If you'd like to donate items for trick-or-treaters, please bring individually wrapped candy (and/or stickers) divided into sandwich bags. We'll collect candy/stickers until Wednesday, Oct. 27.