

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
October 3, 2021

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude**

**Introit** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Choir

**Call to Worship** Susan Greer

Are any among you suffering?

**Then let us pray.**

Are any cheerful?

**Then let us sing songs of praise.**

Are any among you sick?

**Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.**

The prayer of faith will save us

**And God will lift us up.**

**Hymn** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 255

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

**Anthem** Like a Child 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 10:13-16 Alice Arnold  
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Let the Children Come Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Susan Greer

**Offertory** Come to the Table of Grace Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

**Prayer of Confession**

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

**One in spirit, one in mission  
in union and communion with each other and with you,  
Lord.**

Today, we confess fumbleings and failures in accomplishing  
unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of  
the task.

**On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to  
recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians  
everywhere.**

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

**Give us a heart big enough to love your children  
everywhere.**

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us  
all! **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Words of Assurance

At God's table, there is welcome and forgiveness for all. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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. 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.

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Prayer of Confession is written by Rev. Kelli Hamilton.  
Offering Prayer and Words of Assurance are adapted from  
"The Abingdon Worship Annual."

### CHARGE CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, OCT. 3, 5 pm via Zoom

### 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.

### 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.

Prayer requests can be submitted online at [ksumc.org/prayer](http://ksumc.org/prayer) or given to Pastor Kelli Hamilton.

If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, please email Pastor Kelli Hamilton.

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