

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

October 31, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude David Wood

Introit Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship Bob Sanders

You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

Welcome to this place, where God serves us at the Table of love and grace.

We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.

Hymn Pass It On UMH 572

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it;
You spread his love to everyone;
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing,

The flowers start their blooming.

That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him,
It matters not where you're bound.

I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Anthem What Does the Lord Require of You 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 12:28-34 Bob Sanders
This is the word of God for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Love God, Love Neighbor Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Bob Sanders

Offertory Beulah Land Jeff Jeffrey, David Wood

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish.

It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.

We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even you—more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Words of Assurance

In God's kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;

In God's kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do and don't;

In God's kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. 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.

Credits:

Call to Worship, Offering Prayer, Prayer of Confession and 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 Nov. 1.

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN STREET: SUNDAY OCT. 31

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.