

# Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

February 20, 2022

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude** Now the Green Blade Riseth Stephan Dudash

**Introit** Come and Fill Our Hearts Choir

**Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Come and learn the ways of life.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Come and learn the ways of life.

**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** Alleluia, Alleluia 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** Luke 6:27-38 Bob Sanders

**Sermon** Still Listening? Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Bob Sanders

**Offertory** When the Poor Ones Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious.

**Forgive us. Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.**

We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely.

**Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.**

We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions.

**Forgive us. Teach us to turn away from what is wrong and**

**pursue what is right.**

We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to act in their best interests, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind.

**Forgive us. Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.**

You call us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us; and to be renewed and transformed by your grace at work in our lives. Through your Holy Spirit, continue the work that you have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to you.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
**Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God is a merciful God who offers us abundant love, grace, and strength to love others, even when it is difficult. Hear the good news today. By God's grace, we are forgiven. By God's grace, we become people who are merciful just as God is merciful. **Thanks be to God.**

### **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**

#### **Hymn**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

UMH 390

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

### **Commission and Blessing**

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## **Benedictory Song**

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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Call to Worship and Offering Prayer written by B.J. Beu.  
Prayer of Confession - author unknown.  
Words of Assurance written by Rev. Kelli Hamilton.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - SUNDAY, FEB. 20**

Following the morning worship service, we will have training in our Safe Sanctuary Policy for all volunteers who serve with children and youth in our church ministries.

### **CALEB EARP & LAUREN HOLLOHAN BABY SHOWER - FEB. 27**

Join us in showering Caleb and Lauren as they prepare for the arrival of their baby boy. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - MARCH 2 at 6:30p**

### **MONTHLY GIVING**

Through January, it takes \$14,286 to run the church and its programs.  
Through January, the church has received \$17,239 from all sources.

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