

## Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

March 20, 2022

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude** Thy Holy Wings, O Savior Stephan Dudash

**Introit** If You Believe and I Believe Choir

**Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Come, all who are thirsty.

**Come, all who are seeking.**

Come, all who are waiting.

**Come, all who labor.**

Come, all who need rest.

**Come, all who dream dreams.**

Come—

whether you're young or old, confident or curious,  
lonely or hopeful.

**This is God's house. All are welcome here.**

**Let us worship our holy God.**

**Hymn** Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH 519

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**Anthem** Father, I Adore 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** Luke 13:1-9 Bob Sanders

**Sermon** You Are Worthy Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Bob Sanders

**Offertory** Come Out the Wilderness Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we treat our self-worth like something that can  
be bought at a store; but you know this even better than  
we do. Instead of trusting that we are made good,  
instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are,  
we stockpile our value in earthly things—  
in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth**

and power. Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick. Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray, amen.

### Words of Assurance

Friends, take a deep breath. Release the tension in your jaw. There is good news here.

For even when we stumble, even when we take the easy way out, even when we forget our own self-worth, even when we lose our way—we belong to God.

Say it with me—

**We are loved. We are claimed. We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God. Amen.**

### 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

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)

## Commission and Blessing

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

### 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 by day.

---

Call to worship, Prayer of Confession, & Words of Assurance  
written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | Online graphic design by Rev.  
Lauren Wright Pittman | Online original photography by Rev. Lisle  
Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Offering Prayer adapted from Gill Le Fevre's prayer as posted on  
[gill-lefevre.medium.com](http://gill-lefevre.medium.com).

---

### Kingston Springs UMC Staff

**Rev. Kelli Hamilton**, [kelli.hamilton@twkumc.org](mailto:kelli.hamilton@twkumc.org), 615-347-9847  
Office hours: Tuesday & Thursdays: 9a-3p  
Remote hours: Monday & Wednesday 9a-3p

**Julia Rich** - Director of Music  
**Kristy Finney** - Custodian

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME - APRIL 6, 5:45-6:30p

We will eat in the Fellowship Hall and those who are not yet comfortable being indoors unmasked are welcome to eat at the picnic tables in our back parking lot. Please text Vicki Sanders at 615-456-6962 by Friday each week with the number of adult and children's meals you will need for the following Wednesday. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 & under).

### ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Instructions for how to log in were emailed last week. These instructions are also in the back of the Sanctuary. Let Kelli know if you need help logging in.

### UKRAINE AID

If you would like to support the humanitarian response in Ukraine, financial donations can be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through their website at [umcmission.org](http://umcmission.org) or by sending a check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance# 982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.

### 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.