

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

March 27, 2022

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude He Looked Beyond My Fault
Jeff Jeffrey, David Wood

Introit If You Believe and I Believe Choir

Call to Worship Jack Arnold

God's reach is endless.

God's mercy is unstoppable.

God's grace is lavish.

God's love is constant.

God's wisdom is vast.

God's hope is stubborn.

God's presence is here—

with us, among us, moving through us.

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Anthem For Things That I Do Wrong, O Lord
Music & More Kids

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 15:1-3, 11-32 Jack Arnold

Sermon Prodigal Grace Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory Love Lifted Me Choir

Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.
It sounds like ours.

And we know his story. It sounds like ours.

For who among us hasn't burned a bridge?
Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one
another? Who among us has not ached for home?
The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.
Forgive us God. We want to come home.

Words of Assurance

Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive.

Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace. For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

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

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,

a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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
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Offering Prayer is adapted from Thom Shuman's prayer as posted
on lectionaryliturgies.com

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).

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 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.

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