

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

March 6, 2022

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude Land of Rest Stephan Dudash

Introit Jesus Remember Me Choir

Call to Worship

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went to the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

but Jesus also went into the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship our Holy God.

Hymn I Come with Joy UMH 617

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

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 4:1-13

Sermon Even in the Desert Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer

Offertory He Keeps Me Singing Choir

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power-
Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about
material wealth-

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about
control-

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim. It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and covers us in mercy.

Hear and believe this good news-

God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.

Thanks be 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 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

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.

Call to worship, Prayer of Confession, & Words of Assurance
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Offering Prayer written by Thom Shuman as posted on Lectionary
Liturgies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KELLI AWAY ON TUESDAY

Kelli will be at Beersheba Springs Methodist Campground on Monday night and Tuesday. If you have a pastoral care need while she is away, contact our Lay Leader, Bob Sanders, at 615-642-6437.

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.

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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