

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**

May 8, 2022

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude**

**Introit** This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made Choir

**Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Loving Shepherd,  
**you know our names; you care for us.**  
When we face darkness and death,  
**walk beside us.**  
When we hunger for your love,  
**fill us with your presence.**  
When we are fearful,  
**feed us at your table.**  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

**Hymn** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**Anthem** God Leads Us Along Choir

**Prayers of the People:** Joys and Concerns  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayers.**

**Scripture Reading** John 10:22-30 Bob Sanders

**Missional Giving**  
Our FUEL offering provides snacks for children in need at  
Kingston Springs Elementary School.

**Children's Message** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Hymn** O Thou, in Whose Presence (vv. 1, 2, 4) UMH 518

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,  
on whom in affliction I call,  
my comfort by day and my song in the night,  
my hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, resort with thy sheep,  
to feed them in pastures of love?  
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,  
or alone in the wilderness rove?

Restore, my dear Savior, the light of thy face,  
thy soul-cheering comfort impart;  
and let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace  
bring joy to my desolate heart.

**Sermon** The Shepherd's Voice Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Bob Sanders

**Offertory** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

## Prayer of Confession

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

**Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. 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

He Leadeth Me

UMH 128

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

## Commission and Blessing

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### Benediction 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.

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Call to Worship written by Mary Petrina Boyd  
as posted on Ministry Matters.

Offering Prayer from the Abingdon Worship Annual  
as posted on Ministry Matters.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by Thom  
Shuman as posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAY 18: CHURCH COOK-OUT, 5:45p

Join us for our last Wednesday night dinner before summer break. We'll grill hot dogs and hamburgers and have a great time of fellowship together.

### MONTHLY GIVING

Through April, it takes \$56,760 to run the church and its programs.

Through April, the church has received \$54,236 from all sources.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:15a

Worship - 10:30a

### WEDNESDAY

Dinner: 5:45-6:30p. This Week's Menu - Chicken Sandwich, Chips, & Cookies. Text Vicki Sanders, 615-456-6962 by Friday with the number of adult & children's meals you will need for the following Wednesday.

Children's Music & More Class: 6:30-7:30p

Adult Bible Study: 6:30-7:30p

### THURSDAY

Choir Practice – 6:30p

### AA COMFORT ZONE

Meets in the Oak House on Sundays at 4p, Tuesdays at 7p, Wednesdays at 12p, Thursdays at 7p, Fridays 11:30a (Women's Group) and Saturdays at 10:30a.

*Prayer requests can be submitted online at [ksumc.org/prayer](http://ksumc.org/prayer) or given to Pastor Kelli.*

*If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, email Pastor Kelli.*

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