

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 2023



Prelude *Righteous and Just Is the Word*

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *What a Mighty God We Serve* Choir

***Call to Worship** Karen Whiteaker

God declares, "Be still, and know that I am God!"

God will be honored by every nation.

God will be honored throughout the world.

God, we want to know you. Help us to be still.

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

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 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 sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

***Scripture Reading** Karen Whiteaker
Exodus 12:40-41[Pew 106]; 14:5-14[Pew 108]

Missional Giving

All children are invited to assist in collecting money for the FUEL offering,
which provides snacks for children at Kingston Springs Elementary School.

Children's Message

Activity Bags are located on the pew to use during worship. When the
service is concluded, please return it to the front pew.

**Indicates please stand if able.*

Greeters will provide a wheelchair for those who need one.

*Restrooms are available behind the Sanctuary. Please exit through the left door by
the piano and take a right. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.*

Our Joys and Concerns Dr. Angus
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *Creation Sings* Choir

Sermon Dr. Angus

Series: It's Back to School—
Lessons Learned Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Responding to the Word

Rock of Ages

UMH 361

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Offertory Prayer

Karen Whiteaker

Offertory

The Lily of the Valley

Choir

***Doxology**

UMH 95

The Lord's Supper

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.

Commission and Blessing

Dr. Angus

Sending Forth

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Choir

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WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:15 am
Worship – 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

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

Al-Anon meets at the Oak Street house on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

Our tithes and offerings from all sources through August 31, 2023, were \$95,350.26, and expenses through August 31, 2023, were \$72,768.22.

Prayer requests can be submitted online at ksumc.org/prayer or given to the pastor. If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, email Dr. Angus at steven.angus@twkumc.org.

MISSIONS

We are again collecting the Item of the Month donations for the Ark's food pantry. We ask that you put them in the back of the church in the container provided. The item for SEPTEMBER is any flavor of jelly. However, any unexpired food items can be donated. Your support of this community service is appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: October 8
Church Lawn @ 2 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals Service

If you would like to serve as a Liturgist during our Sunday morning worship, please contact Karen Whiteaker at karen@agmark.com or 615-476-3029.