

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door*  
**A Service of Word and Table**  
**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
October 15, 2023

**Prelude**            *Morning Has Broken*            Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**            Dr. Steven Angus

**Introit**            *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*            Choir

**\*Call to Worship**            **Vicki Sanders**

Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

**Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.**

What joy we have in God's presence!

**What peace is brought to us in God's house!**

This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.**

**\*Hymn**            *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*            UMH 526

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge--

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you;

you will find a solace there.



**\*Scripture Reading**            **Vicki Sanders**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 [Pew Bible, p.329]

**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**            *Soon and Very Soon*            Choir

**Sermon**            **Dr. Angus**

**Series: It's Back to School—**

The Epitaph of a Servant--A Lesson in Finishing Well

**Responding to the Word**            *I Am Thine, O Lord*            UMH 419

**Offertory Prayer**            **Vicki Sanders**

**Offertory**

*Peace in the Valley*

Jeff Jeffrey, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter

**\*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**

*I’ll Fly Away Medley*

Jeff, Stephan, Bruce, ALL

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School – 9:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am

Charge Conference – 1:00 pm

**TUESDAY**

Church Council - 6:30 am

**WEDNESDAY**

Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

**SUNDAY**

Charge Conference – 1:00 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.

**AI-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](http://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](mailto: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 canned or dry beans. However, any unexpired food items can be donated. Your support of this community service is appreciated.