

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door*  
**A Service of Word and Table**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
October 1, 2023

**Prelude**                      *Because He Lives*                      Jeff Jeffrey, GR Davis

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**                      Bob Perry

**Introit**                      *Jesu, Remember Me*                      Choir

**\*Call to Worship**                      Bob Sanders

Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

**God created all that is!**

We celebrate that great love of God.

**God gifted us with god's only son, Jesus the Christ.**

Rejoice and be glad today!

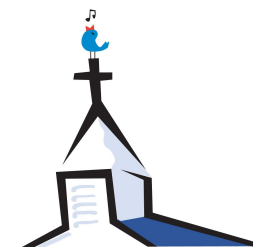
**Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.**

**\*Hymn**                      *This is My Father's World*                      UMH 139

1 This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems off so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!



**\*Scripture Reading**                      Genesis 1:1-2; Revelations 1:8                      **Bob Sanders**

**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.

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*\*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**                      Bob Perry

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**                      *The Church in the Wildwood*                      Choir

**Sermon**                      **Alpha and Omega**                      Bob Perry

**Responding to the Word***Lord of the Dance*

Choir

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people, they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. [Refrain]

**Offertory Prayer**

Karen Whiteaker

**Offertory** It is Well with My Soul Jeff Jeffrey, GR Davis, Choir**\*Doxology** UMH 95**Commission and Blessing** Bob Perry**Sending Forth** God Be with You Till We Meet Again 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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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](mailto:karen@agmark.com) or 615-476-3029.*