

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door*  
**A Service of Word and Table**  
February 18, 2024  
The First Sunday in Lent



**Prelude**                      *Kingsfold*                      Band\*\*

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

**Introit**                      *Bread of the World*                      Choir

**\*Opening Prayer**                      [In Unison]                      Shannon Schliwa  
**Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*                      UMH 269

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days,  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
And close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend,  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.

3 As you did hunger bear and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and always live  
By your most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence,  
And through your Passion-tide,  
Forevermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.

5 Abide with us that when this life  
Of suffering is past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!

**\*Scripture Reading**                      Shannon Schliwa  
Exodus 3:1-15 [Pew Bible, 90]

**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.

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

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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.*

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**                      *My Lord, What a Morning*                      Choir

## Prayer of Preparation

Unison

Dear God, Help us to open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our spirits to understand who you are and to know you. Be with us as we draw near to you and closer to each other. In your son's holy name, we pray. Amen.

## Sermon

Dr. Angus

**Series: The God We Can Know—The I Ams of Jesus**

## Responding to the Word

Just as God spoke to Moses, God wants to speak to us. Let us open our hearts to God who wants to be known and who says,

**“I Am Who I Am.”**

When life pressures us to care more for things than for God, remember that Jesus said,

**“I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry.”**

When we feel puzzled about which choices are right, we can ask for guidance from the one who said,

**“I am the Light of the World.”**

When we feel vulnerable and lost, we can find comfort in knowing that we are continuously being sought by the one who said,

**“I am the Good Shepherd. Come to me.”**

When we feel powerless and weary, we can find power offered to us by the one who said,

**“I am the True Vine. Abide in me.”**

When we wonder who's in and who's out with God, we can find reassurance in the grace embodied in Jesus who welcomed all, saying,

**“I am the Way. Follow me.”**

When we face loss and pain, we can find hope in the one who promised us renewed and abundant life, saying,

**“I am the Resurrection and the Life. Live in me.”**

## \*Hymn of Invitation

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

UMH 452

1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly Thine.

2 May Thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be Thou my Guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll,  
blest Savior, then in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul.

## Offertory Prayer

Shannon Schliwa

## Offertory

*I Know a Man Who Can*  
Jeff Jeffrey, Band\*\*

\*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

*Threefold Amen*

David Wood, All

*Band\*\**

*Stephan Dudash, David Wood, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel, G.R. Davis*

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.  
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY**

Church Council – 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

**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.