

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door

A Service of Word and Table

February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent



Band**

Prelude *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *Become to Us the Living Bread* Choir

***Opening Prayer** *[In Unison]* Rick South
Gracious Lord, creator of all, giver of life, we praise you! We worship you in humility and gratitude. Surrounded by your love and care—we live and breathe, laugh and cry, labor and rest. When our souls faint within us, you satisfy our hunger with the bread of life and our thirst with living water. With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the unselfish bounty you have bestowed upon us! Amen!

***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** Rick South
John 6:22-35 [Pew Bible, 1657]

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 *Let Us Be Bread* 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
Sermon: Searching for Satisfaction

***Responding to the Word** *Come, Ye Disconsolate* UMH 510

1 Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
"Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure."

3 Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.

Offertory Prayer Rick South

Offertory *Victory in Jesus*
Jeff Jeffrey, Choir, Band**

***Doxology** UMH 95

The Invitation to the Lord's Supper

When we feel hungry for more of something—even when we're not sure
what that something is, we can remember that Jesus said,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

When we feel distracted by other means of fulfillment in the world, help
us to remember that Jesus said,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

When we find ourselves feeling inadequate or incomplete in our daily
lives, remind us that we fill ourselves up on Jesus' sustaining words,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."
When we look around at friends and strangers, assessing how we
measure up to others, help us to remember that we are enough and are
satisfied by God's grace when we hear Jesus say,
"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."
When we worry that the satisfaction we have now may one day run out,
let us rest in the truth and fullness of Jesus' promise,
"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

The Prayer of Consecration Dr. Angus

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.

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.

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