

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
March 31, 2024
Easter



Prelude

Band**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steven Angus

Introit

Christ Has Risen, Christ the Lord Is Risen

Choir

Call to Worship*

Jack Arnold

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

Hymn*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Scripture Reading*

Jack Arnold

John 11:17-26 [Pew Bible, 1668]; John 20:15-17 [PB, 1686]

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.

**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.

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.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *He Lives* Choir

Sermon Dr. Angus

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

Sermon: Don't Judge Too Quickly

Responding to the Word* *Because He Lives* UMH 364
Jeff Jeffrey, Band**, All

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory *O Mary, Don't You Weep* Choir

Doxology* UMH 95

The Great Thanksgiving

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of the Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**

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

When we find ourselves wondering why loss has come, we can remember Jesus' words as he faced death:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When we are tempted to give in to the lie that life will never change for us, Jesus says,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When life's disappointments cause us to stumble, Jesus reminds us,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When we ask God to give us back something we've lost, Jesus reminds us to look forward, saying,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

God works on both sides of the grave, giving us life now and life yet to come, through Christ who said,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life." Amen.

Sending Forth* *Threefold Amen* David Wood, All

**Band

David Wood, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel, GR Davis

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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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners are Back!!!!

Beginning Wed, April 10, for a 6-week pilot program

Price will be \$7 per plate and \$3.50 for children 10 and under
Meals will be homecooked by Karen Dorion, a former restaurateur and caterer.

Reservations will be required by Mondays at 3 p.m. More to come on how this and payments will work.

Dinner served at 5:45 p.m.

Take Home boxes only for Shut-Ins

On April 10, dinner will be:

- Chicken Parmesan
- Tossed Salad
- Garlic Rolls
- Dessert
- Iced Tea