Kingston Springs United Methodist Church A Service of Word and Table

September 22, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Prelude Mansion Over the Hilltop Jeff Jeffrey, Band**

Words of Welcome Dr. Steven Angus

Introit What Feast of Love Choir

Call to Worship* Rick South

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.

Hymn* Blessed Assurance UMH 369

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading*

Rick South

James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Missional Giving

Children are invited to assist in collecting money for the FUEL offering, which provides snacks for Kingston Springs Elementary School children.

*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 door by the piano and turn right. Restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

Children's Message Activity Bags are located on the front pew to use during worship. Please return them at the end of the service.

Our Joys and Concerns

Dr. Angus

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

The Pastoral Prayer

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.

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Choir

Sermon Dr. Angus

"The Greatest"

Responding to the Word* Jesus Loves Me UMH 191

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. 2 Jesus loves me he who died

heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Rick South

Offertory Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Jeff Jeffrey, Choir, Band**

Doxology* UMH 95

The Lord's Supper

Commission and Blessing*
Sending Forth*
Threefold Amen

Dr. Angus David Wood, All **Band Stephan Dudash. David Wood. GR Davis. Bruce Baxter. John Paul Daniel

Scripture Reading

James 3:13-4:3

3 ¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace-loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

4 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? ² You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

Mark 9:30-37.

4 ³⁰ Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, ³¹ for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." ³² They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

³³ After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" ³⁴ But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

³⁶ Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."

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.

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

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