



## **We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship 11/8/20**

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**Meeting ID: 684 366 329 Passcode: 322123**

## **Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church**

**Prelude** Ode to Praise, R. J. Hughes

### **Call to Worship**

Micah 6:8, Ps. 27:13

Come, however you are, and lay your burdens on the Lord - burdens of fear and anger, of anxiety and uncertainty.

Come, however you are, and turn your heart to scripture's mandate: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Come, however you are, and remember the promises of God's word: that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Come, however you are, and claim the truth that love is patient, love is kind, love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Come, however you are, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are, and let us gather to turn our hearts to our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God.

### **Time of Prayer** ~*We Tell the Truth About Ourselves and We Turn to God*

Merciful God, we thank you for gathering us, virtually and in person. Be with those who could not join us today. Hold all in your care. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Clear out the worries, troubles, and idols of this world so there is only room for you. Open our ears and minds so we may hear your word and know the truth you offer. Open our hands and arms so we may offer ourselves and our gifts in service to you and others. Open our eyes so that we may recognize you in those we see. Open our mouths so we may sing your praise and speak of your love. Open our hearts so you may dwell in us always.

We rest in the assurance that we are forgiven and set free in Christ to be your people and agents of your grace. We pray for all of those across the world who seek to be your people. May we renew our faith and strengthen our witness. May others see in our lives, our words and our deeds, Jesus' grace and love.

We pray for the governments of the world and their leaders; especially we pray for our own country. We pray to be a place where your justice and mercy are lived and a light.

We pray for our planet, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance. May we look at our care for the world as an expression of love for you, O God...

We pray these things together as your grateful people. Hear us now as we pray the prayer you taught saying, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

## **DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD**

### **Children's Message**

**Scripture** Genesis 45:1-20

**Homily** Choices Made Pastor Sharyl

## **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Affirmation of Faith

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In a time when it is hard to know who to trust and what to believe, we believe:  
that God created this world: landscapes, plants, animals, humanity, and called it good.  
that God came to be with us: to live with us, laugh with us, break bread with us, cry with us, and become one of us.  
that God is still working within and among us: to comfort us, inspire us, challenge us, and strengthen us, as we face the days ahead.

In a time when it is easy to be overwhelmed by evil and fall into despair, we believe:  
that God cares about creation:  
God weeps for the rising oceans calls for justice for the abused earth mourns every lost species, and stands with those who are oppressed by sinful human systems.  
that God did not shy away from the evil we can do:  
God decided to suffer at our hands to be betrayed and denied, scorned and mocked, and even be killed, to show that our very worst cannot separate us from God's love.  
that God is still present in our world:  
God did not leave us orphaned, but continues to work alongside us, using our triumphs and joys, as well as our failures and faults, to shape this world back towards goodness.

In a time when we are tempted towards fear and inaction, we promise:  
that we will share the cares of our Creator:  
We will seek to be true stewards of this world and each other.  
We will recognize the image of God in all people, and stand with those who are being dismissed, ignored, and harmed, whatever the future may hold.  
that we will follow the example of our Savior:  
We will share our time, our energy, and our resources with each other.  
We will root out evil in our own souls, and work to dismantle systems that keep people from

living into their sacred possibilities, whatever the future may hold. that we will be led by the presence of the Spirit:

We will not give in to forces that isolate us from God and each other.

We will recognize the work of God in ourselves and in our community, continuing to move forward in our faith that this is not how the world has to be, whatever the future may hold.

### **Offering of Tithes & Gifts**

Continuing our worship, we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges, and tithes by mail or online with Tithely at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds and money as an expression of gratitude and our love for God and as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD**

**Hymn**      I Sing a Song of the Saints of God                      GTG #730    PH #364

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

**Benediction** Saints of God, go out into the world offering forgiveness and love with generous hearts. Remember that we are all one in Christ and seek unity with your brothers and sisters. Seek out the meek and marginalized and lift them up with joy and work to restore them to their rightful place as children of the living God. And in all you do, go with the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Postlude**    Fughetta in A, Charles Brunei