

# Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

## We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship April 11, 2021



Please join us by phone by calling into the service  
using this number 1-929-436-2866,  
Meeting ID: 684 366 329 Passcode: 322123

**Prelude**     *Aria in F Major*     George Frideric Handel, arr. Felix Alexandre Guilmant

### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather as siblings in faith of the resurrected one.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### Prayer of Confession ~ We Tell the Truth about Ourselves.

**Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different paths: some of us are certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us are not so certain of the hope You are and the peace You promise. Yet we are all here, reaching out to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us here, today, in your power and consolation. (Praying silently) All the congregation said, Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon ~ God Blesses and Forgives Us

Hear the Good News: We are all God's beloved children. Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven! Know that you are forgiven! Live in that truth! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

### Children's Time

**Scripture**     Genesis 1, Exodus 20, Ecclesiastes 3

**Homily**     *A Time for Everything*     Pastor Sharyl

## DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Continuing our worship, we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges, and tithes by mail or online with Tithe.ly 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.

### Offertory

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

(Auf, auf, mein Herz, Johann Crüger, 1648), from *Six Preludes on Easter Hymns*, Wilbur Held

### Saying the Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing

#### Prayers of the People

As Your people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the whole human family, and all the world. That as the faithful pray we may discover our unity in Christ and exercise our gifts in service of all...

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**

**Communion** (Please gather the bread and cup before worship begins.)

#### Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is indeed right, our duty and highest joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, almighty, everlasting God. ... Amen.

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion

#### Prayer after Communion

### Commissioning for Sabbatical

Elder Brad Clifton: Family of God, by virtue of our baptism God calls us to mission and ministry, and to holy labor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At certain times, God also called us to occasions of sabbath rest and reflection so that we might be renewed for Christian service. As we

prepare to send Pastor Sharyl forth on her sabbatical, we gather to ask God's blessing upon her, and upon us as we ready ourselves for the weeks ahead.

**All: God traces our journeys and resting places, and is acquainted with all our ways.**

Deacon Bea Hwong: God will preserve our going out and our coming in,

**All: From this time forth and forevermore.**

Elder Brad Clifton: Let us pray. God of all wisdom, send your blessing on our congregational community as we enter Sharyl's time of sabbatical. Guide our leaders through challenges that may arise. Give to all of us discerning and prayerful hearts, spirits ready to understand and quick to forgive, ears to listen for your word, and voices to speak the truth. Make us bold to live out your Gospel as we seek to do your will. Amen.

Elder Brad Clifton: Session Members and Deacon Board Members, you have been called to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church; to pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love; to watch over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service; and to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ. Will you continue to faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

**Session and Deacons: We will, with God's help.**

Elder Brad Clifton: Pastor Sharyl, we are excited for you to step away from the obligations of daily church life and to engage in this period of sabbatical. Will you take time for reflection, renewal, rest in the life-giving experiences that await you?

Pastor Sharyl: I will, with God's help.

Deacon Bea Hwong: Members and friends of Kingston Presbyterian Church, in this time of sabbatical, will you support one another, your elected leaders, and all of our church staff? Will you pray for them and for Pastor Sharyl on her sabbatical journey?

**All: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Elder Brad Clifton: God of all blessing, be with your servant Sharyl as she undertakes her sabbatical journey. Grant her a holy departure from this community, safety in all her travels, rest and renewal for her spirit and body, and the joy of a grace-filled return. We ask these things in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Removal of Stole**

The primary and unique symbol for Pastors is their stole. It points to their being set apart by the Church for Word and Sacrament ministry. We will take Sharyl's stole and place it on the central chair on the chancel where it will remain until she returns from Sabbatical. The presence of her stole will remind us of our shared Sabbatical journey and of our mutual commitment to prayer for one another during this time of rest and growth.

## DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

**Hymn**     *Be Thou My Vision*

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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Postlude**   *Trumpet Voluntary in D Major*

Jeremiah Clarke, attributed to Henry Purcell, arr. Walter E. Buszin



### **Flowers**

The flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Lester and Marie Sohl and her sister, Susan Sohl Seip by Marles Maxwell.