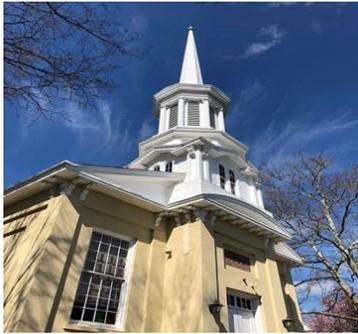


Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship June 27, 2021

10:00 AM



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: *Air*

Samuel Wesley

Call to Worship

One: I wait for the Lord,

All: my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

One: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

All: more than those who watch for the morning.

One: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

Prayer of Confession ~*We Tell the Truth about Ourselves and We Turn to God*

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace. **Thanks be to God!**

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scholarship Presentation

Scripture: Psalm 130 and Mark 5.21-43

Sermon: *Hoping in the Word of the Lord*

Rev. Dr. Gordon Mikoski

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: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. David Paxton

Singing 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

Most holy God, who hears our prayers and answers them and gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept these offerings and use them to your glory, that even now we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace, and love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

[A time of silence is kept after each intercession.]

Knowing that God hears our prayers, and trusting in the Spirit who intercedes with sighs too deep for words, let us pray together, saying, Merciful God, **hear our prayer...**

Lord, we pray to you now with hope. We have hope in the saving grace of Jesus Christ! We give you thanks for our mission partners and lift them up to you. Give strength and encouragement to our mission partners: The Central Presbytery, The Desai's (ISI), Intersociety Christian Fellowship, Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Young Life. Dr. Katie Wolf and Friends for Health in Haiti, The Kishores and New Life Associates-India, The Riddells and World Team in France, Karla Koll in Costa Rica, Medical Benevolence Foundation, The Levis and Operation Nehemiah in Africa and The Tebbes in Pakistan. Be with them and may your Spirit encourage their work this week. Thanks for the gift of partnership with you and with each other.

May we hold each other up, not only when we come together, but through daily reminders, prayers, and affirmations. Thank you, Lord, for your love for us made real in Christ and by your Spirit. May we embody Christ in all we do.

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 ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart and sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Benediction

Postlude: *Diapason Movement*

John Keeble

Flowers



To the Glory of God

We welcome Rev. Dr. Gordon Mikoski

Gordon Mikoski, MDiv '88, MA '89, associate professor of Christian education, earned his MDiv and MA degrees from the Seminary, and his PhD from Emory University. His research and teaching interests focus on Christian education, the sacraments, the doctrine of the Trinity, and practical theology. He has written and edited several books, including: *Integrating Work in Theological Education*, co-edited with Kathleen Cahalan and Ed Foley (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017); *Opening the Field of Practical Theology*, co-edited with Kathleen Cahalan (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2014); *Straining at the Oars: Case Studies in Pastoral Leadership*, with H. Dana Fearon III (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013); *With Piety and Learning: The History of Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1812-2012*, with Richard R. Osmer (Münster, Germany: Lit Verlag, 2011); and *Baptism and Christian Identity: Teaching in the Triune Name* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009). He serves as the editor for *Theology Today* and as the director of the PhD program at the Seminary. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he served a church in the Detroit area for eight years before returning to academia.

Congratulations to KPC Scholarship Recipients Karolina & Riley

The KPC Educational Scholarship Committee has awarded Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to Karolina Iordache and Riley Robinson, KPC's Class of 2021 High School graduates.

Karolina Iordache is graduating from South Brunswick High School on June 22, 2021 and will be attending Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa as a Government, Law and Politics major with a Forensic Science minor. She hopes to study law or teach history and is excited to play on the Arcadia women's tennis team. Karolina's \$1,000 Scholarship Award will be sent to Arcadia University.

Riley Robinson graduated on June 16, 2021 from Lawrence High School and is matriculating to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He plans on studying Finance and English and looks forward to participating in the extensive Global Education programming offered through the school. Riley's \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award will be sent to Dickinson College.