



**Welcome to Worship
with Kingston Presbyterian Church
We Gather in Spirit
Worship March 13, 2022**

Prelude: Chorale and Variation on *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*

arr. John Andrews

Call to Worship

Amy Raduzycki

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls and we listen.

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we hear.

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we turn... toward love, toward joy, toward God.

***Hymn:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

GTG #716

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

Maker of heaven and earth, lift our eyes to the hills, that we might find our help in times of trial. Forgive us when, like Nicodemus, our vision is focused on the ground: ignoring your call to follow you; refusing your blessings for fear of the obligation to bless others whom we do not want to meet. We often do so out of fear: fear of disappointment, fear of your awesome power, fear of your wrath. Teach our hearts anew to trust your Spirit and the promise of your blessings. [praying silently] And the whole congregation said, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7 *When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of God's mercy. God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God's grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

***Response:** *Glory Be to the Father*

GTG #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Time

Amy Raduzycki

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: *Giving*

Pastor Sharyl

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Continuing our worship, we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges placed in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary or 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: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Mendelssohn, ed. Robert Campbell
Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG #606

**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 Dedication**

God of creation, all that we have comes from you. We bring our gifts from a deep sense of thankfulness for all that you have done. Use this offering to spread your gift of life to all of the world, that everyone might know the wonders of your forgiving love. Use us as your forgiven servants, rejoicing in your gifts of life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of our Lenten journey, thank you for your presence along the way, for your guidance when times are difficult, and for your promise of life in Jesus Christ...

We give you thanks for our mission partners and lift them up to you. Give strength and encouragement to the Presbytery of the Coastlands, The Desai's (ISI), Interservice Christian Fellowship, Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Young Life. Dr. Katie Wolf and Friends for Health in Haiti, Kishore and New Life Associates-India, The Riddells and World Team in France, Karla Koll in Costa Rica, Medical Benevolence Foundation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and

Dr. Jonathan Addleton with Forman Christian College 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.

We pray these things together, as your grateful people, praying as you taught us, 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:** *Live into Hope*

GTG #772

***Benediction**

Postlude: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, Tune: Holy Manna
William Moore, arr. Franklin Ritter

Flowers



The flowers are given in loving memory of Ina Harris by her daughter, Robin DeGutis.