

Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church
We Gather in Spirit ~ Worship
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Prelude

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Call to Worship

One: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

All: "Here I am. Use me."

One: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

All: "Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."

One: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

All: "Again and again, make me new."

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

All: We come to this place to be changed.

One: So let us worship holy God, Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Gracious God, we want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, despite our wonderings, despite our distractions, despite wrong turns time and time again, we are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator. Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator. Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator. Today is a new day.

Again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again, we are reformed.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Time

Scripture & Sermon John 12:20-33 *Again & Again, We Are Reformed* 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.

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

Time of Prayer

Holy God, Scripture tells us that your word is written on our hearts, but we struggle to hear it. Is it possible that we have covered up your words with our own self-narratives? Is it possible that we have erased your truth to write our own? Is it possible that we have forgotten your words entirely? Take us back to the beginning. Remove the self-talk that distracts. Clear away the cobwebs of doubt. Show us how to look inside ourselves for your truth, and then write on our hearts once more. We are listening. We are hopeful. We are here. Speak now. Move through us. Use us that others would know your welcome, salvation and love...

We are thankful to partner with these we have named and with you. 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 *Together We Serve*

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1 Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4 Together by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Benediction May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in love and may Jesus' grace be in all you do.

Postlude

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