



Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship May 2, 2021

The congregation in the sanctuary is asked not to sing during worship.

Prelude: *Improvisation*

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

Call to Worship

In the wilderness, water brings life. **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.** In the word of God, the good news gives light. **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.** In the bread and wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone. **Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.** Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

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

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to us; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture: John 4: 7-21

Sermon: *Abiding Love*

Rev. Lori Neff LaRue

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: *Meditation on "Serenity"* Stanley E. Saxton, tune by William V. Wallace

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

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us join with all creation in praying for the good of the earth, saying, God, who makes us one, **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), Intersarsity 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**

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

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **GTG #526**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! *[Repeat]*

2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! *[Repeat]*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! *[Repeat]*

Benediction

Postlude: *Voluntary in B flat*

Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

Flowers



Flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Elsy and Alvin Roy, and her lifelong friend, Carol Banghart by Kathy Roy Petersen.

Kathy's mother and friend shared the same birthday.

The Reverend Lori Neff LaRue serves as Director, Board University, at the Board of Pensions. In her role, she provides leadership for the development and implementation of education programs that address the four dimensions of wholeness (spiritual, health, vocational and financial) lifted up in the Board's Theology of Benefits. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lori's first call was to Princeton Theological Seminary where she served for six years. She continued her ministry in theological higher education at the Association of Theological Schools and was called to the Board of Pensions in 2017. Lori's served congregations in various capacities (transitional minister, long-term pulpit supply, parish associate) and is a member of Central Presbytery's Interim Committee on Ministry.