



Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

We Gather by the Spirit

Worship 11:00am

March 30, 2025

*Welcome! We're so glad you are here. May you find welcome!
May you know God's love and may you go in peace.*

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DISCIPLES GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Announcements

Prelude: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, George J. Elvey, arr. Kathleen B. Andersen
Gonzalo Aguilar

Call to Worship (Psalm 71:1-6) Hyun Jin Cho

One: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

All: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

One: God has held us since our birth.

All: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

All: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

One: Let our lives be praise.

All: Let us ground ourselves in worship.

One: Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day (based on 1 Corinthians 13:13)

***Hymn:** *The Lord Is God* #63

Call to Confession ~ *We tell the truth about ourselves*

Prayer of Confession

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. [Praying silently] And the whole congregation says **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:7)

Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. **Thanks be to God!**

Response: *He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forever more.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Message

Pastor Sharyl

Hymn: *Where Charity and Love Prevail

#316

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:9-12
Luke 10:25-37

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Sermon: *What Does Love Have To Do With It?*

Rev. Sharyl Dixon

This morning you are invited to send a card to someone who taught or shared with you God's BIG, and GENEROUS LOVE. Or send a card to someone you think might need to be reminded that they are loved by God in big ways. Philippians 1:3!

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Our Call to Love

You are invited to write on your post it heart ~

Who is someone who has shown you an abundance and radical BIG Love?

During the offering we will gather your postit to place on the big heart.

*Affirmation of Faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People (Psalm 71:2-6)

Hyun Jin Cho

God of all goodness, we live in times of stress and controversy, injustice and cruelty.

At times we cry to you for rescue and remember that we have leaned on you since our birth as we pray, **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for leaders and nations around the world, that they may seek justice and peace, **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your church in all its forms, that we may be the love you want, **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for victims of domestic violence and victims of war; grant your healing and give your peace. **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those trapped by natural disaster; embrace them with your calm and send them relief. **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are ill and suffering, that they may feel the comfort of your love. **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your creation, that the health of the earth may be restored. **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are born to and those who will die today; may their quality of life be governed by loving choices. **O God of all creation, be our hope and trust. ...**

We give thanks for the life of Jean Gibson and pray for her family and friends and name in our hearts those we individually want to pray for too [*we pray silently*]. Thank you, Lord, for being with those we lift up to you.

Lead us towards your promised kingdom, your new heaven and new earth, a world where all have enough food, all have enough drink, all are safe, and all are at peace.

On this sabbath day, we pray: speak your words of blessing once again. God of new beginnings, we give you thanks for our mission partners and lift them up to you. Give strength and encouragement to: the Presbytery of the Coastlands, Books and Breakfast, Aruna Desai, alongside Bob and Carrie Louer (ISI), Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Camp Johnsonburg, Westminster Foundation, Dr. Katie Wolf and Friends for Health in Haiti, Kishore Joseph 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...With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Continuing our worship, we give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges placed in the offering plate or by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds, voices 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: *He Leadeth Me* - Marilyn Thompson Gonzalo Aguilar and Nancy Wright

***Response:** *Live in Charity*

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Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

***Prayer of Dedication**

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn:** *We Are One in the Spirit*

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***Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace; **we will have courage**; hold on to what is good; **we will return no one evil for evil**; strengthen the fainthearted; **we will support the weak; and help the suffering**; honor all people; **we will love and serve the Lord**, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, God our creator and knowing Jesus goes with us. **Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude: *All Hail, King Jesus with Majesty*, Dave Moody, arr. Mark Hayes

Flowers



The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

***We stand in body and in spirit**

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We give thanks for those helping with worship today:

Preacher: Rev. Sharyl Dixon

Liturgist: Hyun Jin Cho

Children's Time: Pastor Sharyl

Seminarians: Hyun Jin Cho & Cody Carver

Music: Gonzalo Aguilar, Peyton Dixon, Nancy Wright

Head Usher: Brad Clifton

AV: Bea Hwong

Greeter: Linda Parr

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