



## Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

### We Gather by the Spirit

Worship 11am

March 9, 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 Unto Jesus*, Orson Pratt Huish, arr. Martineau Gonzalo Aquilar

**Call to Worship** (based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8) Rip Diringer

One: Love is patient.

**All: Love is kind.**

One: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Love does not insist on its own way.**

One: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**All: Love rejoices in the truth.**

One: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**All: Love never ends.**

One: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

**All: Let us ground ourselves in worship.**

One: Let us worship God!

**Prayer of the Day** Domani Deak

**\*Hymn:** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* #79

**Call to Confession** ~ *We tell the truth about ourselves* (based on Psalm 71:1-6)

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives. *[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 Time**      Do You See What I See

Pastor Sharyl

**\*Hymn:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 and Luke 4:1-13

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

Rev. Sharyl Dixon

## DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Our Call to Love

You are invited to write on your post-it heart ~ Who first taught you how to love?  
These will be collected during the offertory.

**\*Affirmation of faith** excerpt from The Second Helvetic Confession, edited for inclusion  
**[We believe] faith [is] efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to [God] with confidence and may obtain from [God] what is useful and necessary. The same [faith] keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

### Prayers of the People

God, you are hope in hopeless situations, love amid loveless treatment, and presence in the deepest loneliness...

We continue our prayers lifting up, \_\_\_\_\_, Jean Gibson and name in our hearts those we individually want to pray for [*we pray silently*]. Thank you, Lord, for being with those we lift up to you.

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), Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Young Life, 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**

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

**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 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:** *Seek Ye First* - Lynne Hollander

Handbell Choir

**\*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**

(based on Jeremiah 1:4-10)

**DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD**

**\*Hymn:** *The Gift of Love*

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**\*Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Postlude:** *Higher Ground*, Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Jennifer Cook

## Flowers



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### **We give thanks for those helping with worship today:**

**Preacher:** Rev. Sharyl Dixon

**Liturgist:** Rip Diring

**Children's Time:** Pastor Sharyl

**Seminarians:** Hyun Jin Cho & Cody Carver

**Music:** Gonzalo Aguilar, Peyton Dixon, Handbell Choir

**Head Usher:** Robin DeGutis

**Greeter:** Linda Parr

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