



Welcome to Worship with Kingston Presbyterian Church

We Gather by the Spirit

July 20, 2025

10:00am

*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: *Piano Concerto in G Major (movement 2)*, Maurice Ravel Gonzalo Aguilar

Call to Worship

Brad Clifton

One: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

All: Lord, help us follow where you lead.

One: Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

All: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

One: Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

All: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.

One: The peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you. Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#610

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

(Hebrews 4:14, 16)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, “Follow me” and we offer excuses because we can’t do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus’s call and give us grace, strength and peace to respond in faith and love. [Praying silently] And the whole congregation says **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

(Titus 3:4-7)

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God’s mercy. God came in Jesus Christ, our Savior, the Prince of Peace, so that, having been justified by God’s grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life and as agents of God’s grace and peace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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

#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

Brad Clifton

***Hymn:** *I’ve Got Peace like a River* [v1-3,1]

#623

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 5:1-10, 1 Peter 3:11

Sermon: *Jesus and Peacemaking*

Rev. Sharyl Dixon

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

An Affirmation of Peace

Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live. **We accept life, so teach us to live.**

Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.
We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;
to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;
to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.

We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people of the world in the struggle for liberation and peace; **to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.**

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church; **to make peace a reality. Amen and Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, Prince of Peace, we give you thanks, for you are good and your steadfast love endures forever...

We now take a moment to continue our prayer 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... In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us,

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: *Thrive, Casting Crowns*

Claire and Austin Hodge

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

#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**

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn:** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (Prayer of St. Francis)

#753

***Benediction**

(2 Thessalonians 3:16 & Philippians 4:23)

Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways.

The Lord be with all of you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude: *Toccata festivo*, Dennis Janzer

Flowers



In memory of my mother, Cathy, on what would have been her 65th birthday on July 19 and second birthday in heaven.
Sarah Hodge

*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 & Children's Time: Brad Clifton

Music: Gonzalo Aguilar, Claire & Austin Hodge

Head Usher: David Raduzycki

AV: Bea Hwong

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