

The Kingston Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

We are so glad you are here!

Masks are optional and available at the doors.

There are LARGE PRINT bulletins and listening aides available; please see the ushers.

To not interfere with the wireless livestream of our service, **please power off your phones.**

The green cards in the pews are for sharing prayer requests; place in offering plates and they will be read as part of the “Prayers of the People.”

GATHERING MUSIC *Prayer from Rienzi* - R Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Amy Monahan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Frank Lenox

Easter is not just a day.

Easter is a season.

Resurrection is not just an event.

Resurrection is an eternal force.

New life is not just a heavenly hope.

New life is a present-day possibility.

Let us lift up our hearts

rejoicing in such good news!

* OPENING HYMN #230 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER - Meera Viswanathan

Easter God,

Whose eternal life is a wonder and a mystery,

Whose gifts come with surprise and with joy,

Whose blessing both calms us and claims us for higher purpose,

May we live into the good news of resurrection faith,

More and more as we learn to trust in you.

Praying with Jesus, we say:

* Indicates you are invited to stand; **Bold** type indicates all speak/sing together.

Our Father (Mother) 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, the power and glory, forever. Amen.

WORD FOR ALL AGES

- Cindy Dowgiallo

[Children are welcome to join Ms. Cindy and helpers downstairs for Church School]

* DISMISSAL HYMN #454

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 92:12-15

- Meera Viswanathan

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit;

they are always green and full of sap,

showing that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Ephesians 4:14-16

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON Growing in God: How God’s Love Grows You

- Mia DeLuise

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CALL TO OFFERING FOR HOLY WEEK:

OFFERTORY

Reflection

- FW Asper

* SUNG DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN #354 *God, When I Came Into this Life*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional* - FW Asper



Mia DeLuise is 14 years old and a freshman at Narragansett High School. She has been attending KCC for 7 years and has been reading and participating in service since she joined. Mia is enrolled in the confirmation program for next year and hopes to continue reading in the future.

We thank Margaret Clark for her musical contribution to this morning’s worship service.

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The flowers today are given by Mary and Bill Kaiser in loving memory of Marjorie Kaiser.

Emig Lecture 4/30/23: Systemic Racism in America

The Board of Missions invites you to our annual Emig Lecture in memory of Rev. Don Emig, a past member of KCC, who worked tirelessly for social justice.

Using the scripture from the Gospel of John (John 10:1-18) as a frame, Rev. Marilyn Baugh Kendrix will address systemic racism in America, providing both a definition and a few examples to help congregants who are not targets of this racism better understand what it is and how it impacts people of color, especially Black Americans.

In addition, Rev.Kendrix will spend some time unpacking the controversy over critical race theory and how erasing African Americans from the history of our nation negatively impacts us all.

Rev. Kendrix will also be available in the fireplace room after coffee hour for Q&A."



Called to Care Ministry

For about one year, KCC has had a Called to Care (C2C) ministry to assist the pastor in maintaining caring and meaningful connections between the church and older and homebound parishioners through visits, calls and cards. The program is being renewed and expanded and will now be overseen by Rev. Cheryl von Ehrenkrook, in conjunction with Rev. Jan.

Current as well as new C2C volunteers are invited to attend a training meeting on Saturday, April 29, 10 am - 2 pm, including a light lunch. This will also be a time for current volunteers to check-in and discuss the visits they have already done. We welcome new volunteers who should also attend the training session on April 29, 2023. Rev. Cheryl is starting a C2C program at East Greenwich United Methodist Church, and their new volunteers will join in the April 29th training session. There will be a time for each group to meet separately. If you are interested in more information about serving as a C2C volunteer, or wish to sign up, please contact Cheryl von Ehrenkrook at revcherylvone@gmail or 401-500-1176.



April 23rd from 4-6pm
We will be celebrating Earth Day by discovering what God has created for us. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Ms. Cindy for more information dirce@kingconchurch.org All you need is a warm friendly welcoming smile as the rest is all prepared for us.

- CALENDAR-
- SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 am Service of Worship

5:00 pm Beneficent Banquet

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 pm BS Troops 1 & 2 (Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

12:00 pm Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 pm Choir

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 am Service of Worship

4:00 – 6:00 pm Messy Church (Hall)

Mission Statement of the Kingston Congregational Church:

*We are a Christian Church that supports each person's spiritual journey
through the communal pursuit of worship, learning, and service.*

(Voted on and approved by the Congregation on April 27, 2008)

*We welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and
expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith
background, marital standing and family structure; and we invite all to share in the life,
leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our
congregation.* (Voted on and approved by the Congregation on May 17, 2015)

Greeters: Shelley and Kassidy Monahan; Ushers: Katie Howe and Cheryl Wilga

Lay Reader: Meera Viswanathan

Deacon of the Month – Amy Monahan (amypmonahan287@yahoo.com)

Coffee Hour – Cindy Buxton and Elizabeth McNab

Church Council:

President – Sharon Davis

Moderator – Joyce Stevos

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Chair of the Board of Missions – Lisa Bowe

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Pastoral Intern – Katie Howe

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