

# A Warm Welcome To All!

March 27, 2022

## OUR MISSION: LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS AND BUILD SACRED COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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The Social Justice/Diversity Team encourages everyone to continue their discipline of fasting from single-use plastics. Of the **50 billion** water bottles produced every year, less than one-fourth are recycled. Over

32% of these bottles end up in the ocean, the equivalent of one garbage truck disposing a load of plastic **every minute**. Consider an alternative to disposable drink bottles like a regular glass or reusable bottle. Pick up a specially designed Kingswood bottle or reusable shopping bag in the Fireside Room today to help you do your part in caring for God's creation.

Mark your calendars for Trustee Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, April 2** from 8 am until 12 pm. We appreciate your help in preparing our building and grounds for the spring and summer seasons! If you have questions, contact [Elizabeth](#) in the church office. Please sign up on our mobile app or at [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).

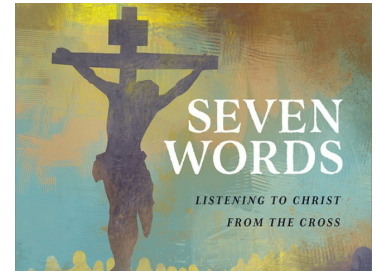


Join us for Easter "Eggs"travaganza, a community event on **Saturday, April 9** from 10:00 am until noon. Think of it as HarvestFest, but in the spring! Be ready for all kinds of Easter family fun.



Learn about our Butterfly Garden, take a pony ride, play games, create art projects, and build with jellybeans, all while doing an Easter egg scavenger hunt. Bring a friend!

Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue in the 40-day season of Lent, as well as our sermon series, *Seven Last Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*. During Lent, we will hear and study the final words from Jesus as he was on the cross. Today, we turn to *John 19: 23-29* and hear Jesus care for his mother as he faces endless thirst. Remember that the season of Lent is a time of preparation, fasting, and prayer as we look toward Holy Week and Easter. Join us on this sacred journey with Jesus as we focus on the cross!



Through this Lenten season we will be partnering with two ministries: **Family Forward** and **Facing Forward**. Family Forward seeks to end the cycle of homelessness through support, advocacy, and social services in the northwest suburbs. Facing Forward seeks to do the same thing in the city of Chicago. Please join us in giving generously during Lent as we help our Chicagoland neighbors to move forward toward ending homelessness.



The United Methodist Men will be hosting a pancake brunch in the Activity Center on Palm Sunday, **April 10**, after both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, bagels, and more will be served in a safe and protected way. A free-will offering will support mission projects for the group. All are welcome!

Kingswood Church is thrilled to welcome back Redd Holt, renowned jazz and soul drummer in both services next **Sunday, April 3**. He is part of the Red Holt Jazz Trio and a gifted musician and percussionist.



## Interested in Children's & Youth Programs?

Email Jenn Sawyer, our Minister of Children & Families at [jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com](mailto:jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com)

**Sunday, April 3**

Club 456/Youth Group E.P.I.C. (Easter Party in Color!)

4 pm

**GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE****Prelude***There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* Powell**Welcome and Centering**

Rev. James Preston

**Opening Hymn\****Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*  
Blue Hymnal #163**Words of Gathering\***

Lisa Bischoff

One: We gather at the cross of Jesus

**All: To confess and forgive**

One: To weep and to mourn

**All: To hunger and to thirst**

One: To pray and to listen

**All: We gather at the cross of Jesus****Opening Prayer (Unison)****O Jesus, our lives can be dry and broken from sin and injustice. We thirst for your living water which gives hope. Wash away our resentment and fill us with your grace. Amen.****Ministry of Music***Wondrous Cross*King's Men  
Arr. W. Triplett**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD****A Reading from the Psalms***Psalms 32***A Reading from the Gospel***John 19: 23-29*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.****Song of Preparation***Only Trust Him*  
Blue Hymnal #337, vs. 1-3**Message**Rev. James Preston  
*We Are Thirsty!***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****Anthem***And No Bird Sang* Douglas Wagner

Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Intercession**

Ken Johnson

**The Lord's Prayer****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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.****Offering**Rev. Doug Bradshaw  
Executive Director, Facing Forward**Offertory***Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

Wilson

**Announcements**

Rev. James Preston

**Hymn of Sending Forth\****Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
Blue Hymnal #301, vs. 1-3**Benediction\***

Rev. James Preston

**Postlude***Ricercare on O God Our Help*

Gordon Young

*\*Stand as you are able.*

Liturgist: Lisa Bischoff

Scripture Reader: Sharon Metty

Ushers: Barb Stroder, Dennis Spaeth

Greeters: Linda Gorr, Lisa Bischoff

**Sponsor Easter Flowers in Memory, Honor, or Celebration of Loved Ones**Forms are available in the Fireside Room or can be submitted online at [kingswoodumc.com/easter-flowers](http://kingswoodumc.com/easter-flowers).**Your gifts make a difference!** We thank you for your generous financial gifts to the ministry and mission of Kingswood Church. You can give in the following ways:Online at  
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