



Let us know that you are here

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn The Celebration Hymnal #563 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

*Call to Worship Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Love the Lord, who has heard us and listens to our prayers.

People: God has listened to us whenever we have cried out to heaven.

Gathering Prayer Deborah Ruth

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Living and loving God, we worship you more in the presence of your friends than in the company of your detractors. We don't find blessings in being persecuted and so we don't expose our faith to others for fear of ridicule or suffering. We do not have the courage of our convictions and so we play it safe. Forgive our failure to live out our faith and to act on what we have learned from your Son, Jesus.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is full of compassion.

People: When we are low and downtrodden, God saves us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Word

A Time for Children Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

* please stand

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Deborah Ruth

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she
speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you
love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their
scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no
one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my
counsel and would have none of my
reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,

and your calamity comes like a
whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come
upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will
not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will
not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear
of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of
their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys
them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of
disaster.”

Special Music

“Above All”

New Testament Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Message “Altering Expectations” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Second Hymn** The Celebration Hymnal #169 v. 1, 2, 4, & 5
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again	from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
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Prayers and Offering

Prayers of the People/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 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.

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sovereign Lord, let our money talk for us in the hour of prayer, and use it to send a word to the weary, to strengthen and to heal the sick in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** The Celebration Hymnal #793 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Bible Study continues online this week at 7:00 p.m. The link will be in the newsletter and the reminder email Wednesday morning.

Children's Sunday School Returns Today! - Children's Sunday School returns today, September 12. Following "A Time for Children", the children will exit the sanctuary and go to the classroom for Sunday School.

Presbyterian Women Monthly Meeting - The Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow night, Monday, September 13, in the church kitchen for dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice - Choir practice takes place on Sunday mornings before worship from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. See or text Kathy Stanley at 904.803.3736 for more information.

Pumpkin Patch Meeting September 19 - There will be a brief pumpkin patch meeting after worship (before session) next Sunday, September 19. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like a copy of the minutes, please contact Shawn Brecht at kpchandyman@gmail.com.

Session Meeting September 19 - The Session will meet next Sunday following worship.

Fall Festival and Craft Fair - This year's Fall Festival and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 23. Flyers and Vendor Applications are on the table in the narthex and can be found in the link in the newsletter.

Pumpkin Patch - The pumpkins for our Annual Pumpkin Patch will be delivered Wednesday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to help unload the pumpkins and get them set up on their pallets. If you can help collect pallets before then, please call Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128.

Hurricane Ida Relief - The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is mobilized and already delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. For more information and to see how you can help, click [here](#).

Prayer Chain - If you would like to pray for others, please contact the church office at home@kirkwoodchurch.org and ask Suzi to put your name on the Prayer Chain List. Should you have a prayer request, please send it to home@kirkwoodchurch.org.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#).

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