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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

<b>A Time for Meditation</b>		“Spirit of God”
<b>Welcome and Ministry Announcements</b>		Dr. Yvan Kelly
<b>*Sharing the Peace of Christ</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	The Celebration Hymnal #8	“Come, Thou Almighty King”
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Worship Leader

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Praise the Lord as long as you live.

**People: We will sing psalms to God all our life long.**

<b>Gathering Prayer</b>		Kathy Stanley
<b>Call to Confession</b>		Dr. Yvan Kelly
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: O God, you are even-handed in your justice and on the day of judgement will not play favorites. We confess that we are not so fair in our dealings. We are often unduly impressed by the powerful and excuse what we would condemn in the powerless. Forgive us our superficiality and neglect of people needing help and friendship, through the friend of sinners, Jesus Christ.**

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

<b>Assurance of Pardon</b>		Dr. Yvan Kelly
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Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith.

**People: We will inherit the kingdom Christ has promised to those who love him.**

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

**Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Kathy Stanley

A good name is to be chosen  
rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver  
or gold.

The rich and the poor have this  
in common:

the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**Special Music**

“God So Loved”

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 7:24-37

Dr. Yvan Kelly

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**Message**

“The Road to Two Miracles”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Second Hymn**

The Celebration Hymnal #143

“This Is My Father’s World”

## **The Lord’s Supper**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Supper/The Lord’s Prayer**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**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**

**People: Divine God, powerful beyond all human efforts, transform these tangible offerings into acts and gifts of people serving Jesus. Amen.**

## **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

The Celebration Hymnal #586

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Wednesday Night Bible Dinner and Bible Study** - This Wednesday we will have our Monthly Family Potluck at 6:00 p.m. with Bible study at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those planning to attend. The theme is Soup Night.

**Prayer Chain** - If you would like to pray for others, please contact the church office at [home@kirkwoodchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:home@kirkwoodchurch.org)

**Haitian Earthquake Relief** - The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery to those in Haiti. To contribute, please make your check payable to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and write "Haitian Relief" in the memo section and also on your offering envelope along with the amount.

**Choir Practice** - Choir practice will begin after Labor Day. Please text Kathy Stanley at 904.803.3736 if you are interested in participating.

**Children's Sunday School Returns September 12** - Children's Sunday School returns next Sunday. Following "A Time for Children", the children will go to Sunday school.

**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.

**Fall Festival and Craft Fair October 23** - This year's Fall Festival and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 23. Flyers and applications are on the table in the narthex. If you can help set up and tear down, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

**Changes to COVID-19 Protocols** - The Session met on June 27, 2021, and made the following changes to our current protocol:

- Friendship pads are back in the pews. We ask that everyone, including visitors, please fill out a line on the top sheet.
- The hymnals are back in the pews for everyone to use.
- We are no longer using pre-packaged communion elements.
- We are collecting the offering, although you can still use the link below.

Those who wish to wear masks are encouraged to continue to be vigilant concerning their own health.

**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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