

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022 4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

A Time for Meditation

"In His Presence"

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

*Call to Worship Leader
Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord has prepared a table before us in his house.

People: We are invited to dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

Gathering Prayer Jeannie Brecht

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God our savior, you have promised us eternal life for following the good shepherd, your son Jesus Christ. In the confidence that you will not let us perish, we know that we are not worthy of your care and do not follow Jesus as closely as we should. Forgive our sins, that we may rejoice with all the angels around your heavenly throne.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus gives us eternal life.

People: Jesus promises that we will be his forever.

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)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23:1-6

Jeannie Brecht

The Lord is my shepherd,
 I shall not want.

He makes me lie down
 in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through
 the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord my whole life long.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

John 10:22-30

Dr. Yvan Kelly

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

"The Value of Light"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Second Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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.

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

People: On this first day of the week, we make our offerings with people who speak thousands of languages and from many cultures. You set one table in the midst of us. Draw us close to each other as we approach you. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"Open Up the Heavens"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Supplies Needed - We need empty wrapping paper tubes. We need to store and organize our narrow banners and the empty wrapping paper tubes work perfectly. If you have any empty tubes, you can leave them in the church office.

Sulzbacher Diaper Drive - Sulzbacher is hosting an event on Wednesday, May 11, for members of the community in need of access to Pediatric care. Clients will be able to stop by for a tour of Sulzbacher's Pediatric Health Center and receive to-go desserts, diapers, and even meet the Pediatric staff. You can help by purchasing diapers listed on their Amazon Wishlist and have the diapers delivered right to their door. You can also purchase and deliver your diapers to Sulzbacher Village, located at 5455 Springfield Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32208. To coordinate a drop-off time, please contact Emily Knight-Smith at EmilyKnight-Smith@SulzbacherJax.org.

Joint Meeting of the Preschool Board and Session - Next Sunday, May 15, following worship, there will be a joint meeting of the Preschool Board and the Session.

Last Sunday of the Month Potlucks - Beginning May 29 and continuing on the last Sunday of every month, we will hold last Sunday of the month potlucks after worship. More details will be coming soon.

Mark Your Calendars! Vacation Bible School - This summer, Vacation Bible School will be held on June 22 - 24 (Wednesday - Friday) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for preschool and grade school aged children. Stay tuned for more information.

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

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