

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 31, 2022 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #406 (2x)

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground Holy Ground"

*Call to Worship Leader
Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Give thanks to God, for he is good, **People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Gathering Prayer Leah Hadrava

Call to Confession Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God above all, you may fairly judge us for living below our potential. Forgive us for being only partly freed from our old natures and our sins when you have made it possible for us to be renewed in the image of yourself, the likeness in which humanity was created. The life we have lived is not the full resurrection-life Jesus wants for us. Be patient with our being slow to put on our new nature in Christ Jesus.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! You have died with Christ to sin, and your life is with Christ in God.

People: When Christ who is our life is revealed, then we too will be established with him in glory.

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)

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

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

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:13-31

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much

more will he clothe you - you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

Message "Beyond Myself" Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Second Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Apostles' Creed

Baptisms of Kaden Lee Grant and William Dean Sprague

*Affirmation of Faith
I BELIEVE from the dead;

in God the Father, Almighty, he ascended into heaven,

Maker of heaven and earth; and sitteth on the right hand of God

and in Jesus Christ, the Father Almighty;

his only Son our Lord; from thence he shall come to judge

who was conceived by the quick and the dead.

the Holy Ghost,

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, the communion of saints;

was crucified, dead, and buried; the forgiveness of sins;

he descended into hell; the resurrection of the body;

the third day he rose again 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: Creator of all life, source of all goodness, transform these offerings with the Spirit that makes the church strong to do your work and accomplish your will in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #295

"Go to the World!"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Baptisms of Kaden Lee Grant and William Dean Sprague - Today we are baptizing Kaden Lee Grant, son of Cedrick L. Grant Jr., and William Dean Sprague, son of Kyle and Natalie Sprague.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Childcare Worker Needed - Mothers of Preschoolers are in need of someone to watch their children during their gatherings, which take place the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at the church. This is a paid position. The pay is \$11.00 an hour and the hours are 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Contact Suzi in the church office at 904.777.0006 or at home@kirkwoodchurch.org if you are interested.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck and Session Meeting July 31 - The last Sunday of the month potluck for July will be held today following worship and the Session will meet after worship.

Blood Drive August 7 - The big Red Bus will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for a blood drive. Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a OneBlood towel, and a wellness checkup. You must bring a photo ID. Appointments can be made at oneblood.org/donate-now, use sponsor code #31712.

Cleaning and Resealing of the Floors Beginning August 7 - The floors will be deep cleaned and resealed beginning the week of August 7. We need help moving everything off the floors after worship on Sunday, August 7, so the floors can be deep cleaned. We will then reseal them. On Thursday, August 11, we need help moving everything back. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please text or call Shawn Brecht at 904.718.3128.

Bunko August 13 - Mark your calendars for Bunko on Saturday, August 13, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be used for the building fund. More information will be coming soon!

Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Festival October 22! - Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. We will have a D.J., a local band, solo artist, Charlie Chiusa, a bouncy house, and upscale food items.

Fall Festival applications for vendors are available in the narthex! If you know crafters, artists, or talented friends who own their own business, and who would like to participate in the Fall Festival, please feel free to take as many applications as you need from the narthex and pass them along. If you would like an electronic file, please text Kathy Stanley at 904.803.3736.

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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