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Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Be constant in God’s house all the days of your life.

People: Gaze upon the beauty of the eternal God and then seek the eternal through him.

Gathering Prayer

Jeannie Brecht

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we have dishonored your name with our quarrels and dissensions. We have frequently bragged about our own greatness. We have guessed at the opinions and beliefs of others, without the patience to ask and to listen to them in order to understand. Too often, we stress our differences, with an appreciation of what we have in common. Forgive our pride that clouds the gospel of your cross.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Christ was crucified for us all.

People: We are not divided by our baptism but are unified by it.

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

Isaiah 9:1-4

Jeannie Brecht

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Dropping Everything"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

"I Am Free"

***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.**

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: You may be worshiped in a sanctuary or a tent or a house, for you are everywhere, O God. Together, we will proclaim you with sacrifices, praise, and monetary offerings to maintain this house of prayer. To the glory of your name, Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #306 v. 1, 3, & 5

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Potluck Sunday January 29 - This month's potluck Sunday will be held on Sunday, January 29, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Blood Drive February 5 - A Blood drive will be held in the parking lot on Sunday, February 5, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Eligible donors will receive a \$20 Egift card and a Oneblood gift. To register in advance, visit <https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now> and enter Kirkwood for the Sponsor Name/Code.

Bunko February 11 - On Saturday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m., we will hold a Bunko game night. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds go to the building fund.

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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