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Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #188

“Jesus Loves Me!”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: By the power of God’s Spirit, worship the Eternal who truly exists.

People: We will offer God genuine worship, as is desired.

Gathering Prayer

Lois Morse

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of all nations forgive our biases and prejudices, our refusal to have dealings with those different than ourselves. Excuse our religious one-upmanship that causes us to see ourselves as better than others. We are convinced that we are right, and stubborn in resisting when we should change our minds. Help us to find common ground. Soften the hardness in our hearts with the warm love of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We have been put right with God through faith.

People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 95

Lois Morse

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains
are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land,
which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people

of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would
listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts,
as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah
in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.
For forty years I loathed that
generation and said,
“They are a people whose
hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.”
Therefore in my anger I swore,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

John 4:5-42

Dr. Yvan Kelly

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water

gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“A Chance Encounter”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Great Are You Lord”

Reception of New Members

***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: Whenever and wherever your children come to you, receive their offering of true worship through the universal Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #370 "This Is My Father's World"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Welcome New Members - Kirkwood welcomes five new members who are joining the church this morning. Val Lyman, Bernie and Jean Dietzen join by transfer of letter and Teresa Greenawalt and Greg Miller join by reaffirmation of faith. Please welcome these newest members of our congregation.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donation - Today is the last day to donate Easter candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Candy can be left in the church office.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny March 25 - This year's Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday, March 25. Breakfast is from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. If you plan to attend just the egg hunt, please be here prior to 10:30 a.m. A reservation sheet is on the table in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

One Great Hour of Sharing - During Lent, join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. You can donate to this special offering by using the blue One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the friendship pads and by picking up a fish bank on the table in the narthex for your children to fill with coins during Lent.

Monthly Potluck Luncheon March 26 - Our monthly potluck luncheon for March will be held on Sunday, March 26, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Spring Grounds Clean Up April 1 - On Saturday, April 1, we will be cleaning up the garden area for spring and especially for Easter Sunrise Service. We will start between 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and will work until about 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own garden tools, saws, and motivation. We will provide the sweat! Remember, many hands make light work.

OneBlood Blood Drive April 2 - On Sunday, April 2, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., OneBlood will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. If you would like to donate, please sign up on line at <https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now>. Choose sponsor name and enter Kirkwood.

Youth Retreat at Montgomery Center April 21-23 - Montgomery Center is hosting a spring youth retreat at Montgomery from April 21 to 23 for ages 6th - 12th grade. For more information, visit their website: <https://montgomerycenter.net/spring-youth-retreat/> or pick up a flyer on the table in the narthex.

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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