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Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Gifts of Women Sunday, Communion Sunday, and 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Kathy Foresi

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

The Women of the Church

Mary Kay Unkelbach, Accompanist

***Call to Worship**

Natalie Sprague

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come to the Eternal One, who will keep you from evil and preserve your life.

People: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time and forevermore.

Gathering Prayer

Yvette Grant

Leader: We are drawn to worship you, God of Creation, by the mystery of your power to bring into existence what did not exist. We could be in awe to approach you, except that the gospel of Jesus Christ assures us of your loving acceptance. In faith, we approach you this morning. Amen.

Call to Confession

Leah Hadrava

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Leah Hadrava

People: Dear God, we confess our disbelief in the face of mysteries that we cannot explain. We fear and resist spiritual transformation as if you would change us beyond our own recognition. Though we cannot control the winds, we try to control the Spirit. Forgive our doubts concerning your love and our restrictions on your purpose for us in Jesus Christ.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Our faith in God is counted as righteousness.

People: Our salvation is a matter of sheer grace.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

A Time for Children

Lisa Christian

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 121

Toni Knieling

I lift up my eyes to the hills -
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade
at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in from this time
on and forevermore.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 3:1-17

Frances Collins

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in

him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “Nicodemus and the Roller Coaster” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** “How Great Is Our God”

Installation of Presbyterian Women Officers

The Lord’s Supper

Prayers of the People /The Lord’s Prayer Deborah Ruth

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: Not only in this sanctuary, but wherever we meet you in our experience, receive our offering of ourselves, God above all, that we may serve others in your name. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Here I Am, Lord”

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Greeters: Sherry Kent and Deborah Ruth

Communion Servers: Jeannie Brecht, Kathalee Caissie, and Lois Morse

Ushers/Offering: Lynne Barnes and Chevy Brodersen

Announcements

Installation of Presbyterian Women Officers - This morning the following women are being installed as officers of Kirkwood's Presbyterian Women's organization:

Moderator - Kathy Foresi

Treasurer - Lois Morse

Vice Moderator - Yvette Grant

Historian - Lisa Christian

Secretary - Deborah Ruth

Breast Health Education and Screening Mammogram March 10 - This Friday, March 10, Kirkwood will host The Beautiful Gate Inc., who will be providing breast health education and access to free mammogram screenings. You must register online using this link: www.TheBeautifulGateInc.com. The flyer for this event is on the table in the narthex.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12 - It is almost time to "Spring Ahead." Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 12. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11.

Sulzbacher Cleaning Supplies Needed - Sulzbacher has an urgent need for cleaning supplies for individuals and families moving into their own housing. If you would like to help, please shop their [Amazon Move In Supplies Wish List](#).

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donation - Donations of Easter candy are now being accepted for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations 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.

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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