



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see all that God has done, mercifully dealing with humanity. Come, listen, all who revere God.

People: We revere God, and will praise all he has done.

Gathering Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Giver of commandments, we have received them but have not kept them wholly. We have not loved fully as you love. We have resisted the truth, not wanting to know fully what you expect of us. Forgive incomplete obedience, half-hearted love, and evasion of the whole truth. We seek your mercy and counsel through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Christ died for our sins once and for all. He suffered for the unjust, to bring us to God.

People: We keep Christ in our hearts with deep gratitude and love.

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

Acts 17:22-31

Lynne Barnes

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 14:15-21

Dr. Yvan Kelly

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What’s Missing?”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Oceans”

***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: Ruler of nations and people, head of the church, spirit of the church; we have vowed to give ourselves in every way as members of the body of Christ. We are here to fulfill and to give substance to our promise. Receive us and our offerings for the strengthening of the church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Assistance Needed with Mowing - Summer is almost here and Shawn Brecht is looking for assistance with mowing the yard. The mowing doesn't have to be done on a Saturday and you don't have to mow the whole property. If you are able to help at any time, doing any amount of cutting, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Shawn at 904.718.3128.

Session Meeting May 21 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, after worship.

OneBlood Blood Drive May 28 - On Sunday, May 28, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., OneBlood will be in the parking lot with the Big Red bus for a blood drive. Please register in advance by clicking [here](#). There are several dates listed, so be sure to register for the May 28 date.

Pentecost Offering May 28 - Kirkwood participates in the special Pentecost Offering. Your gift to the Pentecost Offering helps support ministries with children, youth, and young adults by building a life of faith. Churches retain 40% of the offering received for their youth programs. Further information can be found [here](#) on the PCUSA website. Envelopes for the Pentecost Offering can be found in the friendship pads. If donating to this offering, please make sure to write "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line of your check and use the special envelopes provided.

Potluck Sunday May 28 - On Sunday, May 28, following worship, we will hold our monthly potluck luncheon. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Baby Bottle Campaign - First Coast Women's Services is holding its annual Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds to meet the increasing needs of families facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. To support this need, please take a baby bottle off the table in the narthex and fill it with coins, cash, and checks. Please return your bottle to the church by Father's Day, which is Sunday, June 18.

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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