



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Worship God, the one who gave the 10 commandments, the one who taught on the Mount of Olives.

People: We worship with the spirit, without whom we cannot truly worship.

Gathering Prayer

Kathy Foresi

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God of all grace, Christ of glory, powerful Spirit, we confess that temptations sometimes catch us unaware. When things are going well for us, our pride and prosperity may be the very cause of our downfall. When we are convinced that we can get by on our own, unexpected reverses can drag us down with anxiety. Then we are tempted to believe that you do not care and cannot bring us through our time of adversity. Restore, establish, and strengthen us in the faith of Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The Spirit of God is resting upon us.

People: The Spirit of God will give us cause for joy.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

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

*please stand

Word

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Kathy Foresi

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

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After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Dying or Rising?”

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***Middle Hymn**

“Indescribable”

***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: As we pray together before you, God of the gospel, we come to obey and to do the good to which you point us. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #331

“God the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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 today after worship.

OneBlood Blood Drive May 28 – Next 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 – Next 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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