



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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: Keep our Lord Jesus in mind as you honor the first day of the week.

People: We will keep Jesus in mind, too, as we live the other days of the week.

Gathering Prayer

Mike Brodersen

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Heavenly Father, we confess that we try your patience with our inconsistencies. We expect you to forgive our worst sins, but we are unwilling to forgive the petty sins of our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and friends. We remember the number of times they have offended us, but forget the numerous times you have forgiven us. We want justice for our neighbor’s misdemeanors, but mercy for our own felonies. We do not have the same tolerance for others as we have for ourselves. Forgive our unevenness, merciful God.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God pardons our guilt and surrounds us with constant love.

People: God pardons our guilt and surrounds us with tender affection.

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)

*please stand

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Announcements

Online Giving Change - The Presbyterian Foundation is now handling our online donations (via Vanco). The giving page on the church's website has detailed information on how to donate through the website and through Vanco's mobile app. If you have recurring payments set up on the old Vanco system, you will need to end those and set up new ones on the new system. More information is on the website's giving page.

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! - Come October, it is all hands on deck! We will set up the Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 1, at about 12:00 p.m. Our pumpkins will be delivered on Friday, October 6 at 4:00, with the Patch opening Saturday morning. All volunteers are welcome. It's fun and easy. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for those wanting to volunteer for the pumpkin patch. Thank you everyone.

Sunday School Teachers Needed - Sunday school teachers are needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Jeannie Brecht or Craig Barcliff for more information.

OneBlood Blood Drive September 17 - Today, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please register by clicking [here](#).

Session Meeting September 17 - The Session will meet today following worship.

Fresh Ideas September 22-23 - The Presbytery of St. Augustine (our Presbytery) is teaming up with the Presbytery of Central Florida to host the FISH (Fresh Ideas Start Here) conference at Camp Montgomery. Designed for volunteers and professionals in ministry, the dates are September 22-23. More information can be found [here](#).

Peace and Global Witness Offering October 1 - On Sunday, October 1, we will accept offerings for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Gifts to this special offering are used to help our neighbors in need. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Save the Date! Fall Festival October 21 - Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21. More information will be coming soon.

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](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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