



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024

5th 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** (from Psalm 51)

Worship Leader

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put a new and right spirit in us.

People: Sustain us in your willing spirit and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of abundant life, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities

People: and remembers our sins no more.

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)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lynne Barnes

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 12:20-33

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Replacing a Dream"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Beautiful One”

***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: Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #370

“This Is My Father’s World”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Easter Lilies - You may purchase Easter lilies through the church to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Please use the order form in the friendship pads or on the back table in church. Please fill out the form and circle in honor of or in memory of. Please place your payment and order form in a pew envelope and mark "Easter lily" along with the amount by Sunday, March 24.

One Great Hour of Sharing March 31 - For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has partnered with others to take action to share God's love. It has helped our neighbors in need around the world. To support this offering, special envelopes can be found in the friendship pads for you to use.

Blood Drive March 17 - Today from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., OneBlood will be holding a blood drive in the parking lot. You can register in advance by visiting oneblood.org/donate-now using sponsor code 31712.

Church Clean-up March 23 - This Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 a.m., there will be a clean-up of the church grounds in preparation for Easter.

Maundy Thursday Service March 28 - On Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a Maundy Thursday service with communion. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday Services March 31 - We will hold two services on Easter Sunday, our Sunrise service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Memory Garden and our Sunday service will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Dinner and Comedy Night April 6 - On Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m., join us for dinner and a comedy show featuring comedian De'Andre Stringer. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and must be purchased in advance by Sunday, March 31. For more information, see tomorrow's newsletter or the flyer in the narthex.

Bunko April 13 - The next Bunko night will be Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Session Meeting April 14 - The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, following worship.

Shred Event April 27 - Thrivent is hosting a shred event on Saturday, April 27, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at 4887 Belfort Road, Ste. 109, Jacksonville. You must RSVP to reserve a shred time by emailing Jennifer Johnson at jennifer.johnson@thrivent.com or by calling her at 904.559.8171. A fee of food pantry items for LSS will be accepted.

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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