



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Gathering

Children: “Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

People: “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

(Repeat until the children reach the front with the palms)

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

People: Hosanna! Save us!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Humble and riding on a donkey.

All: Let us worship the living God.

Gathering Prayer

David Christian

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered in your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited.

People: In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

David Christian

O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and
give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you,
give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house
of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession
with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God,
I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11

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When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Parades”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

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 the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #697 v. 1, 2, 3, & 6

“Take My Life”

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 and the deadline to order one is today. 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.

Scout Camp Cards - The last day to purchase a Scout Camp Card is Friday, March 29. See Shawn Brecht to purchase a card for \$10.00. All monies go directly back to the scouts and help offset their summer camp fees.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service March 28 - This 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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