



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

**People: Come, let us put our trust in God.**

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**People: Come, let us sing God’s praises with shouts of joy!**

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God’s grace.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Margaret Fulmer

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving others as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hide it and when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We have come to plead our cause with Jesus Christ, God’s son.

**People: Jesus Christ is the remedy for our sins. And not only our sins but the sins of all the world.**

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 3:12-19

Margaret Fulmer

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Testament Reading**

Luke 24:36b-48

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Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Teeth and Bones”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“The Wonderful Cross”

**\*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: Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #384

“Soon and Very Soon”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Session Meeting April 14** - The Session will meet today after worship.

**Church Office Closed April 26 and 29** - The church office will be closed Friday, April 26, and Monday, April 29.

**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](mailto:jennifer.johnson@thrivent.com) or by calling her at 904.559.8171. A fee of food pantry items for LSS will be accepted.

**Last Sunday of the Month Potluck April 28** - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on Sunday, April 28, following worship. Everyone is invited to attend this time for fellowship and food. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

**Bunko May 11** - The next Bunko night will be Saturday, May 11, 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.

**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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