



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #726 v. 1, 2, 3, & 4

“Will You Come and Follow Me (*The Summons*)”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: Our cup overflows with God’s goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Gathering Prayer

Yvette Grant

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep.

People: Jesus laid down his life for us that we might live.

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)

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Yvette Grant

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Testament Reading

John 10:11-18

Dr. Yvan Kelly

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Size of Your Heart"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

"Breathe"

***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: God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #246

"Christ is Alive!"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

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 this 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.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck April 28 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held next 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.

Blood Drive May 12 - OneBlood will be holding a blood drive in the church parking lot on Sunday, May 12, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please register in advance by clicking [here](#) and using sponsor code 31712. All donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$20.00 e-gift card.

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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