



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Communion Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #15 v. 1 & 4

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors.

People: Come, Almighty God.

Leader: When we think ‘peace be with you,’ means no change or disruption,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

People: Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Gathering Prayer

Kathy Foresi

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: O Lord our God, we think our best would happen if we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not in the world you love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis, and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ’s resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*please stand

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The victory that defeats the world is our faith.

People: We are victors over evil by believing that Jesus is the Son of God.

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 4:32-35

Kathy Foresi

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

Dr. Yvan Kelly

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Don’t Go in the Basement”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Broken Vessel”

The Lord’s Supper

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.

The Lord’s Supper

Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Song

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

People: Good and gracious God, help us to say thank you, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us, and transforming us, until Christ’s kingdom comes. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

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

“Take My Life”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Bunko April 13 - The next Bunko night is this 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.

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.

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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