



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 18, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 111)

Worship Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds, The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Gathering Prayer

Kathy Foresi

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ’s presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus said, “As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats in remembrance of me shall live because of me.”

People: We shall live because we eat his bread and drink his cup.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: 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)

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Kathy Foresi

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 6:51-58

Dr. Yvan Kelly

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live

because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message “What Makes a Life Good?” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** “Set a Fire”

***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.
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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: We present these gifts, O Lord, asking that you will use them through the church to spread the abundance of your love and justice in the world so that all may taste your goodness. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #307
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Session Meeting August 18 - The Session will meet today following worship.

Presbyterian Women's Summer Gathering & Bible Study Kick-Off August 24 - This year's Summer Gathering will take place this Saturday, August 24, at Montgomery Center. The event will feature updates from the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, worship, officer training, team-building fun, and an overview of the new study by Rev. Amy Camp (Memorial PC). The cost for the Gathering is \$35.00. To register online click [here](#). See tomorrow's newsletter for more information.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon August 25 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on August 25, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Church Office Closed September 2 - The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Blood Drive September 8 - On Sunday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive. You are encouraged to register in advance [here](#). Use sponsor code 31712. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card.

Bunko September 14 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Disaster Supply Kit Checklist - FloridaDisaster.org is a website with disaster preparedness tips, as well as a disaster supply kit checklist. You can find the checklist as well as other information at <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>. Copies of the checklist are available on the table in the narthex.

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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