



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #401 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Here in This Place *Gather Us In*”

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Christ abides in us,

**People: And we abide in him.**

Leader: Christ has the words of eternal life:

**People: We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.**

Leader: As we hear the gospel of peace today,

**People: Let us choose again whom we will serve.**

Leader: We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

**People: the God who hears and answers when we call.**

Leader: We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

**People: Trusting God to meet us as we gather.**

**All: Let us worship our God together!**

**Gathering Prayer**

Lynne Barnes

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life that Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we forget others in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives centered in the love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into care for one another and the world you have made.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Christ loves us and makes us whole.

**People: Christ fills us with life and sets us free.**

\*please stand

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**

Psalms 84:1-12

Lynne Barnes

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing  
for joy to the living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise. Selah  
Happy are those whose strength  
is in you,  
in whose heart are  
the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.  
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah  
Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.  
For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.  
O Lord of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

**Message**      “Armed for What Battle?”      Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**      “My Jesus, My Savior *Shout to the Lord*”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      Apostles’ Creed

<b>I BELIEVE</b>	<b>from the dead;</b>
<b>in God the Father, Almighty,</b>	<b>he ascended into heaven,</b>
<b>Maker of heaven and earth;</b>	<b>and sitteth on the right hand of God</b>
<b>and in Jesus Christ,</b>	<b>the Father Almighty;</b>
<b>his only Son our Lord;</b>	<b>from thence he shall come to judge</b>
<b>who was conceived by</b>	<b>the quick and the dead.</b>
<b>the Holy Ghost,</b>	<b>I believe in the Holy Ghost;</b>
<b>born of the Virgin Mary,</b>	<b>the holy catholic Church;</b>
<b>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</b>	<b>the communion of saints;</b>
<b>was crucified, dead, and buried;</b>	<b>the forgiveness of sins;</b>
<b>he descended into hell;</b>	<b>the resurrection of the body;</b>
<b>the third day he rose again</b>	<b>and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>

### 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: Holy God, we thank you that we have heard your words of eternal life today. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts. Take what we have given and multiply it for the good of our faith community, the good of our neighbors, and the good of the world you so love. Shape and mold us so that our whole lives become a loving response to your goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### Sending

**\*Closing Hymn**      Glory to God Hymnal #8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**Charge and Blessing**      Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** - The Adult Sunday school class has been watching the series, *The Chosen*, Season 2. Beginning next Sunday, September 1, the adult Sunday school class will return to the regular curriculum. Adult Sunday school starts at 9:00 a.m. and meets in the church kitchen.

**Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon August 25** - Our last Sunday of the month potluck is today. Please join us in the time for fellowship and sharing of food.

**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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