



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #370

“This Is My Father’s World”

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 136)

Worship Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

People: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer

Leah Hadrava

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things in this life. Jesus says, “Come, follow me.” Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than relying on Jesus. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness in our lives.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

People: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:

All: 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)

Old Testament Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Leah Hadrava

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:17-31

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As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Letting Go”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

“Touch The Sky”

***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: Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #804 v. 1, 2, 3, & 5

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch October 5 - 31 - Volunteers are still needed for our annual pumpkin patch. Hours for the pumpkin patch are Monday- Friday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Shawn Brecht.

Exchange Club Shoe Donation October 13 - Today is the last day to bring in any gently used shoes (or even new shoes) you may have and wish to donate. The shoes will go to needy families in Jacksonville. The shoe drive is under the leadership of the Exchange Club. They ask that if the pair of shoes have laces, the two shoes be tied together. Help those in need right in our own community!

Session Meeting October 20 - The next Session meeting will be held after worship on October 20.

Fall Festival October 26 - Mark your calendars for Kirkwood's annual Fall Festival! This year the Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the narthex. More information will be coming soon.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3 - Please turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2. Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3.

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/>. The checklist is available 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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