



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #196 v. 1, 3, & 4

“All Glory, Laud, And Honor”

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 118)

Worship Leader

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

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

People: Has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

A Time for Children

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(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Gabriel Rodriguez

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

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People: Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon, and betray. You call us to pursue righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our brokenness and make us whole.

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

*please stand

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! When it is the Lord God who helps you,

People: who will declare you guilty?

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 31:9-16

Gabriel Rodriguez

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street
flee from me.
I have passed out of mind
like one who is dead;

I have become like
a broken vessel.
For I hear the whispering of many –
terror all around! –
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, “You are my God.”
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of
my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:28-40

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After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The King who Rode a Donkey”

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***Middle Hymn**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

***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, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts - the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #321 v. 1, 2, & 5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Session Meeting April 13 - The Session will meet after worship today.

Maundy Thursday Service April 17 - This Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a Maundy Thursday service with communion. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday Services April 20 - On Sunday, April 20, we will hold two services. Our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Memory Garden and our traditional Easter Sunday service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served after the Sunrise Service.

One Great Hour of Sharing - During the Lenten Season, we will collect offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, which provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To support this offering, special envelopes can be found in the friendship pads for you to use. Fish coin banks are available for your children to collect their coins in and participate in this special offering.

Thrivent Shred Events - Thrivent is holding a shred event at their office on April 26. More information can be found on the sheet in the narthex and in tomorrow's newsletter.

Annual Yard Sale May 3 - Our Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 3. Start cleaning out your closets now! We will also need volunteers to help set up, organize, work at the Yard Sale, and break it down. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Bunko May 10 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked for each person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

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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