



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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

Worship Leader

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel’s cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord’s doing.

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

People: this is the day that the Lord has made.

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

A Time for Children

(Children will go to Sunday School)

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Gathering Prayer

Jeannie Brecht

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud that we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world. We have refused to see, so that we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore our hope. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people and ears to hear your good news. Bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.

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

*please stand

Assurance of Pardon

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Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus is alive and holds the keys of death and death's domain.

People: Jesus is the first and the last and is the living one. He is forgiving and says do not be afraid.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

Jeannie Brecht

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

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When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Message “Peace Be With You” Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn** “Above All”

***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: God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #442 v. 1, 2, &4
“Just as I am, without One Plea”

Charge and Blessing Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Sunday Luncheon May 4 - On Sunday, May 4, between 11:30 - 12:00 p.m., those interested can meet at The Landing Bar & Grill, 3989 Eagle Landing Pkwy., Orange Park, 32065, for lunch. Everyone will be ordering off the menu. Deborah Ruth will bring in a copy of the menu and a sign-up sheet today. She will need a final head count by Sunday, April 27.

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.

OneBlood Blood Drive May 11 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive on Sunday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a trucker hat, and a wellness checkup. Please make an appointment in advance at oneblood.org/donate-now and use the sponsor code 31712 to sign up.

Session Meeting May 17 - The Session will meet on Saturday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Session Meeting May 27 - The Session will also meet on Tuesday, May 27. The time will be decided soon.

Annual Yard Sale May 31 - Our Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 31 (note change of date). 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.

Boy Scout Camp Cards - The Boy Scouts are selling Camp Cards again this year. There are Clay County and Jacksonville cards for sale. They are \$10.00 each. Please see Shawn Brecht to purchase a card. All monies go directly back to the scouts to help offset their summer camp fees.

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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