



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** Glory to God Hymnal #450 v. 1, 2, & 4 “Be Thou My Vision”

***Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 53)

Worship Leader

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,

People: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Wayne Barnes

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus gives us eternal life.

People: Jesus promises that we will be his forever.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Wayne Barnes

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

Dr. Yvan Kelly

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Half the Sky"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***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: Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, clothe the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #268 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

OneBlood Blood Drive May 11 - The Big Red Bus is in the parking lot holding a blood drive today from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

Bunko June 14 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 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.

Vacation Bible School June 25 - 27 - VBS News... Let's Get This Party Started! Vacation Bible School will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 25, 26, & 27 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10.00. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex and tomorrow's newsletter. Space is limited, so sign up today!

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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