



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 67)

Worship Leader

Leader: May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

People: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

Leader: May God’s face shine upon us.

People: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

All: Let us worship our God in praise.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Shawn Brecht

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: God, you call us to come to you, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We forget that everything comes from you and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Help us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor.

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

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God blesses us again and again.

People: Despite how many times we mess up. Despite how many times we ignore God.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Word

First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Shawn Brecht

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 14:23-39

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Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Peace that Stays”

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***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.**

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: Lord, our God, we appreciate the many blessings that you have provided. Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, and resources so that we may support and love others as you have loved us. May we use this offering to reflect you in our world.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #331 v. 1, 2, & 4

“God the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Replacing Railroad Ties - The rotting wooden railroad ties in the gravel parking lot need to be replaced. They are being replaced with concrete ties. The church is required to have a bumper for parking spaces, so we must replace them. The cost per concrete tie is \$25.00. If you would like to purchase a tie or ties, please mark “RR ties” on your check and offering envelope.

Assistance Needed with Mowing - Volunteers are needed to help mow the yard. The mowing doesn't have to be done on a Saturday, and you don't have to mow the whole property. If you can help at any time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Shawn at 904.718.3128 or Larry Hadrava at 904.476.9398.

Session Meeting May 27 - The Session will meet this Tuesday, May 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Annual Yard Sale May 31 - Our Annual Yard Sale is this Saturday, May 31. 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.

Pentecost Special Offering June 8 - Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. Your Pentecost offering gift helps provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. 40% of your offering stays with Kirkwood for ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Please use the special Pentecost envelopes in the pew folders or mark on your offering envelope “Pentecost Offering”.

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. to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10.00. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex and in 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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