



## **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Communion Sunday and 7th Sunday of Easter

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 97)**

Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

**People: We tremble at God’s awesome works!**

Leader: The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness!

**People: The Lord is our guard and protector!**

Leader: Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

**People: Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Leah Hadrava

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. Forgive us. Mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace.**

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

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus prays for us who believe in him through the word of the apostles.

**People: Jesus prays that we may be with him where he is, with the Father.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

## **Word**

### **First Lesson**

Acts 16:16-34

Leah Hadrava

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“Another Day at the Office”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb”

**Recognition of Graduate**

### **The Lord’s Supper**

**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.**

**The Lord’s Supper**

### **Giving Thanks to God with Our Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory Song**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**People: Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #291 v. 1, 3, & 4

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness *Spirit*”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Recognition of Graduate** - Today, we recognize Gabriel Rodriguez, who recently graduated from high school. Congratulations Gabriel!

**Pentecost Sunday June 8** - Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. You are encouraged to wear red on Sunday in observance of Pentecost.

**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.

**Session Meeting June 22** - The Session will meet on Sunday, June 22, after worship.

**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!

**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.

**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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