Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements		Dr. Yvan Kelly
*Sharing the Peace of Christ		
*Opening Hymn	Glory to God Hymnal #413	"Come into God's Presence"
*Call to Worship		Worship Leader
Leader: Christ has set us free. People: Free to serve. Leader: Free to welcome and include. People: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.		
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: Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience, and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and cruel words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our world can distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God has chosen us to be reconciled through Jesus.

People: Through his Son, we have peace with God through blood shed on the cross. Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Dr. Yvan Kelly

<u>Word</u>

Old Testament Lesson

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psalm 82:1-8

Leah Hadrava

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

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

New Testament Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Message

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

*Middle Hymn

***Affirmation of Faith**

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: Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #610 v. 1, 2, 3, & 5 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

"Your Great Name"

Apostles' Creed

Announcements

Prayer and Support for Texas - Please keep the people of Texas in your prayers as they have faced devastating floods - pray for comfort, safety, strength, and hope for those affected. Let's also lift up the first responders working tirelessly on the ground, bringing help and care in the midst of a crisis. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with the Synod of the Sun to coordinate response and relief efforts. To learn more, visit https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/texas-hill-country-flooding

Blood Drive July 13 - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive this morning from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift card, a top-handle drinkware, and a wellness checkup.

Session Meeting July 13 - The July Session meeting will take place today after worship.

Preschool Board Meeting July 14 - The Preschool Board will meet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Church Office Closed in July - The church office will be closed Wednesday-Friday, July 16-18.

Potluck Luncheon July 27 - Following worship on Sunday, July 27, a potluck lunch will be held. Everyone is invited to attend. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Bunko August 9 - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, 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.

Update on Railroad Ties - The railroad ties in the church yard are rotting away and must be replaced. The Session decided to replace them with concrete ties. We need to purchase 150 concrete ties, which cost \$25 each. As of Monday, July 7, we have collected enough funds to purchase 122 ties. 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 <u>here</u> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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