



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Communion Sunday and 4th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #337 v. 1, 2, & 4

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: sing God’s glorious name; shout out glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name.”**

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

**All: tell of God’s awesome deeds among all people!**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Kathy Foresi

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: Patient God, you call and call, and we come up with every excuse why we can’t answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear. Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your children, and held in your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! You are granted grace, mercy, and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God! We are granted grace, mercy, and peace through Jesus.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

\*please stand

## Word

### Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-14

Kathy Foresi

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

### New Testament Lesson

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Dr. Yvan Kelly

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to

be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

**Message**

"Sent with Open Hands"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

"The Table"

### **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: Holy God, bless our gifts of money, passion, time, and prayer, that they may travel far in your world, blessing your children in every place. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## **Announcements**

**Bunko July 12** - The next Bunko night is scheduled for this Saturday, July 12, 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.

**Blood Drive July 13** - The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive on Sunday, July 13, 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. Please make an appointment in advance at [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use the sponsor code 31712 to sign up.

**Session Meeting July 13** - The July Session meeting will take place on Sunday, July 13, after worship.

**Preschool Board Meeting July 14** - The Preschool Board will meet on Monday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**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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