



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #401 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Here in This Place  
*Gather Us In*”

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 71)

Worship Leader

Leader: In you, O God, we seek refuge;

**People: In Your justice, deliver us.**

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.

**People: For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.**

**All: Our praise is continually of You.**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Gabriel Rodriguez

**Call to Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: O God, our creator, sustainer, and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are always present. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus.**

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

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! By the grace of God, we are called to be followers of Jesus.

**People: We are called to God, and to the spirit of righteousness, and to Jesus who brings us a new covenant.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

## **Word**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gabriel Rodriguez

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Lesson**

Luke 13:10-17

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Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

“Bent But Not Broken”

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**\*Middle Hymn**

“Ancient of Days”

**\*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: O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #8 v. 1, 2, & 4

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## **Announcements**

**Memorial Garden Marker** - The church will be adding names to the Memorial Garden marker for a fee. If you have a name you would be interested in adding, please let Pastor Yvan or the church office know. We are trying to secure a better price by buying the engraving in bulk. Once we have a price determined, you'll be contacted to see if you wish to proceed or wait until a later time.

**Session Meeting August 28** - The Session will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28.

**Bunko September 13** - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 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.

**OneBlood Blood Drive September 14** - The Big Red bus will be in the parking lot on Sunday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a blood drive. All donors receive a \$20 eGift card, a OneBlood T-shirt, and a wellness check-up. To schedule an appointment in advance, please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use the sponsor code 31712 to register.

**Session Meeting September 14** - The Session will meet on Sunday, September 14, following worship.

**Preschool Board Meeting September 15** - The Preschool Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15.

**Church Office Closed September 26** - The church office will be closed on Friday, September 26.

**Thank you!** - The work on the concrete ties is complete. Thank you for your generous financial contributions to this project.

**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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