



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

6th Sunday after Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

People: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen!

People: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

People: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the hope of Christians:

All: God is with us and will never let us go.

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Gathering Prayer

Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and have needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and have an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

*please stand

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

Leader: will he not, with him, also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Word

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Teresa Greenawalt

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Yvan Kelly

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Presence that Stays”

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***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

***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 Lord, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend, accept and multiply these gifts we give today. May they be for your glory and for the good of your people. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“Death Was Arrested”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

VBS Registration Forms Available Now - VBS registration forms are available from the church website under Ministries - Rainforest Falls VBS and on the table in the narthex. The dates for VBS are June 24, 25, and 26 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Space is limited, so get your registration form along with your \$10.00 fee turned in to the church office as soon as possible.

First Coast Women's Services Baby Bottle Campaign May 10 - June 21 - Support the life-saving work of First Coast Women's Services by taking an empty bottle home and bringing it back full of coins, cash, and checks! Bottles are available today on the table in the narthex. They are due back on Father's Day, June 21. When you fill the baby bottles with coins, cash, and checks, FCWS is able to meet the increasing needs of families facing unplanned pregnancies in our community with these funds. If writing a check, please make the check payable to **First Coast Women's Services**.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting May 14 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

OneBlood Blood Drive May 17 - On Sunday, May 17, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To register in advance, please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 31712. Each donor will receive a \$20 e-gift card, a sunshade, and a wellness check.

Session Meeting May 17 - The Session will meet on Sunday, May 17, after worship.

Potluck Luncheon May 17 - After worship on Sunday, May 17, there will be a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share if you plan on attending.

No Adult Sunday School May 24 - There will be no adult Sunday School on Sunday, May 24.

Sign-in and Financial Giving - To sign in, scan the QR code to the right or the one on the front of the pew folder. You may also donate by scanning the QR code, placing your offering in the offering plate, dropping off a check at the office, mailing it, or using our online giving portal, which can be accessed [here](#).



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