



**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, May 3, 2026  
Communion Sunday and 5th Sunday of Easter

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Goodbye Yesterday”

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 31)**

Worship Leader

Leader: Our God refuses to shame us. God’s justice delivers us.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

**All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

**A Time for Children**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer**

Teresa Greenawalt

**Call to Confession**

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**People: God of compassion, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we use forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel superior when we grant them grace. We complain about the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own. We become narrow in our search for your truth and ignore other people crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share your grace as we follow you.**

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

Leader: Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in the kingdom.

**People: In a world filled with God's justice, this is the good news: God raised Jesus**

Leader: and made room for all of us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness

**All: by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, Amen!**

**Word**

**First Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

Teresa Greenawalt

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-14

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“The Call to Compassion”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #327

“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

## **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: God, you faithfully strengthen the world you created. Bless our gifts and use them to protect all of creation and allow us all to enjoy your justice and love. Amen.**

### **Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Bunko May 9** - The next Bunko night is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is required, and it's fun for all ages. A \$10.00 donation is asked from each person and includes dessert.

**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 will be available on Sunday, May 10. They are due back on or before June 21 (Father's Day). 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** - Everyone is encouraged to sign in using the QR code. 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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