



## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 28, 2026  
5th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements** Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Rest On Us"

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 89) Worship Leader

Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

**All: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

**A Time for Children** Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**Gathering Prayer** Frances Collins

**Call to Confession** Dr. Yvan Kelly

**Prayer of Confession** Dr. Yvan Kelly

**People: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Free us from the grave of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon** Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure.

**People: In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us,**

Leader: so that we can be your people.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*please stand

## Word

### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 22:1-14

Frances Collins

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 10:40-42

Dr. Yvan Kelly

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

"The Mountain Nobody Wanted to Climb"

Dr. Yvan Kelly

**\*Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #192  
“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining *Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

**Recognition of Graduate**

Kathy Foresi

**\*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, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Yvan Kelly

## Announcements

**Church Office Closed** -The church office will be closed this week. The office will reopen on Monday, July 6.

**Missing Battery** - The church is missing a 40V Ryobi battery pack for the electric pole pruner. It's possible that during the Pre-Easter yard cleanup, someone could have picked it up accidentally. If it did get mixed up with someone else's things, no worries. If you could please return the battery the next time you come to church, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting July 9** - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Bunko July 11** - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, July 11, 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. Prizes are awarded at the end of the evening.

**OneBlood Blood Drive July 12** - On Sunday, July 12, the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot holding a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To register in advance, please click [here](#) and use sponsor code 31712. Each donor will receive a \$20 e-gift card and a wellness check.

**Session Meeting July 12** - The Session will meet on Sunday, July 12, after worship.

**Movie Night July 18** - On Saturday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m., we will be showing the movie "The Wild Robot." It is an animated film based on the 2016 novel by Peter Brown. Bring your own snacks and chairs if you do not want to sit in the pews.

**Dinner and Comedy Show August 29** - DeAndre Stringer will be returning to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 29. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with a family-style spaghetti and meatball dinner (salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks all included). DeAndre's comedy show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the Comedy/Dinner show are on sale. See Deborah Ruth to purchase a ticket. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets soon. The cost is \$30.00 per person (adult or child).

**Sign-in and Financial Giving** - To sign in, scan 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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