



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Communion Sunday and 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb”

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 95)**

Worship Leader

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

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: Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we ignore your call in Jesus Christ and ignore the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us to be followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and our trust.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, reminding them the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Kathy Foresi

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" - let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes."

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Message

“Throwing Off a Yoke, Taking Up Another”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #338

“O Beautiful for Spacious 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: Accept these gifts we bring, O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage, and love we need to use them in ways that please you. To spread the gospel and care for our neighbors with the love of Jesus. We thank you for your indescribable gift! Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“It Really is Amazing Grace”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

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 this Thursday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko July 11 - The next Bunko night will be held this 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, a Big Red Bus T-shirt, 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 9 - On Sunday, August 9, let's send our students and teachers back to school with our prayers and blessings! Students and teachers, please bring your backpacks and briefcases to church for a time of prayer and blessings during worship on August 9.

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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