



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday and 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

“As the Deer”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

People: To do justice, to love kindness

Leader: and to walk humbly with God.

All: Let us worship God.

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: Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

*please stand

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Kathy Foresi

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Dr. Yvan Kelly

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Vineyard is Not Ours”

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #530

“One Bread, One Body”

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: Merciful and gracious God, you show us your steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

Charge and Blessing

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed - Volunteers are needed for our annual pumpkin patch, open through October 31. Hours for the pumpkin patch are:

Monday-Friday 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Shawn Brecht or Lois Morse.

World Communion Offering October 4 - This special offering works to ensure all God's people flourish through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the friendship pads and on the table in the back of the sanctuary or contribute online under Special Offerings.

Church Office Closed October 5-9 - The church office is closed this week. The office will reopen on Monday, October 12.

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting October 8 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet this Thursday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko October 10 - The next Bunko night will be held this Saturday, October 10, 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.

Session Meeting October 11 - The Session will meet next Sunday, October 11, following worship.

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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