



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Communion Sunday and 15th 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 119)

Worship Leader

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

People: and I will observe it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

People: and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

People: for I delight in it.

Leader: Turn my heart to your decrees;

People: in your righteousness be gracious to me.

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: Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly, and casually. We tend to focus on the sin and brokenness of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need. We've tuned out the voices that express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, and acting like you give it only to us, and not to our enemies also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

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

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: calling all to turn from sin, and live.

Leader: By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Teresa Greenawalt

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

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“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on

earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Finding Our Way Back to One Another”

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***Middle Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

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, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Hymn**

“It Really is Amazing Grace”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Broken to Beautiful Support Group Meeting September 10 - The Broken to Beautiful Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bunko September 12 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, September 12, 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.

Blood Drive September 13 - On Sunday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot hosting a blood drive. All who donate will receive a \$20.00 eGift card and a wellness check. Visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 31712 to register in advance.

Wills and Gifts Sunday September 13 - On Sunday, September 13, Rev. Dana Walters from the Presbyterian Foundation will be preaching. He is coming from Savannah and will answer questions and lead a discussion about wills and gifts during a lunch provided by the church. Everyone is invited to attend this lunch and learn more about wills and gifts.

Session Meeting September 20 - The Session will meet after worship on Sunday, September 20.

World Communion Offering September 6 - 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.

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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