



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Dr. Yvan Kelly

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Glory to God Hymnal #370 “This Is My Father’s World”

***Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Leader: Jesus said, “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.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings, and to seek rest for our souls.

Leader: Jesus said, “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God’s name!

All: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness is to all generations.

Gathering Prayer

Teresa Greenawalt

Call to Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Yvan Kelly

People: Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with work. Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he shows us. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Yvan Kelly

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Christ proclaims peace to you who were far off.

People: Now we are made near by the blood of his cross.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*please stand

Word

A Time for Children

Dr. Yvan Kelly

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Teresa Greenawalt

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever

he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“If You Build It”

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*Middle Hymn

“Set a Fire”

*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: God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give us. May we freely give with generous hearts, just as we have received what you have given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

Glory to God Hymnal #468 “In My Life (*Lord, Be Glorified*)”

Charge and Blessing

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Announcements

Assistance Needed with Mowing - Summer is here and Shawn Brecht still needs help mowing the yard. The mowing doesn't have to be done on a Saturday and you don't have to mow the whole property. If you can help at any time, doing any cutting, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Shawn at 904.718.3128.

Session Meeting July 21 - The Session will meet today after worship.

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck Luncheon July 28 - Our last Sunday of the month potluck will be held on July 28, following worship. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to share.

Presbyterian Women's Potluck Dinner and Meeting August 5 - The Presbyterian Women will gather on Monday, August 5, for a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Bunko August 10 - The next Bunko night will be held on Saturday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed and it is fun for all ages. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person and includes dessert. All proceeds go to the church's building and grounds fund.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 11 - Let us 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 prayers and blessings during worship on Sunday, August 11.

Financial Giving - You may place your offering in the offering plate, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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