

THIS IS GOOD

Sunday, June 7, 2020

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Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God’s calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God’s grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us this morning. Please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

Welcome Children. We invite children to full participation in worship.

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer. A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.

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Anniversaries

6/11 BIEST, Scott & Kelly (26)

Birthdays

6/7 DISCHINGER, Sally

6/7 STOHR, Paul

6/8 HOOD, Finn

6/8 HOOD, Oliver

6/9 LIVENGOOD, Ross

Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2020 | 9:55am

Meditation *Dear God, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small. ~Breton Fishermans' Prayer*

Announcements Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*—arr. John B. Dykes (1861)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *You Are Welcome Here*

You are wel - come here, no mat ter who you are, no mat ter
where you are on life's jour - ney. You are wel come here,
no mat -ter who you are, come and
join with us, in our U - ni -ted Church of Christ.

Scripture Psalm 8 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven! From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.

When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur. You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

Call to Worship based on the words of Craig Mitchell

One:	This is a thin place where we are so close with God.
Many:	This is a thin place where earth and heaven embrace, where past interweaves with future, where people gather expectantly
One:	This is a thin place where we are so close with Jesus.
Many:	This is a thin place where hopes are renewed, where faith is restored, where peace is revived, where love is refreshed
One:	This is a thin place where we are so close with the Spirit.
Many:	This is a thin place where fresh words are heard, deep wisdom revealed and daring promises proclaimed
One:	This is a thin place where we are close with one another—even as we continue apart physically.
Many:	This is a thin place where the God who shaped us, the Christ who remakes us, and the Spirit who inspires us all walk among us - full of grace and guidance.
One:	This is a thin place because we are never separate from the Holy—who is always reaching out to us, hovering with us.
All:	God above us. Jesus beside us. Spirit within us. May we be open to see and hear Your grace revealed and empowerment felt as we worship You this day.

Song *You Have Come to the Lakeshore*



1. Tú has ve - ni-do a la o - ri - lla,
 2. Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go:

1. You have come up to the lake - shore,
 2. You know that I own so lit - tle,



No has bus - ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos, Tan
 En mi bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das, Tan
 Look - ing nei - ther for wise nor for wealth - y. You
 In my boat there's no mon - ey nor weap - ons, You'll



só - lo quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 só - lo re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 on - ly want - ed that I should fol - low.
 on - ly find there my nets and la - bor.

Estrillo
Refrain

Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos
O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
y son - rien - do has di - cho mi nom - bre;
And, while smil - ing, have called out my name.
en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
Now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me,
jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
Now with You I will seek oth - er seas.

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|---|--|
| <p>3. Tú necesitas mis manos,
Mi cansancio que a otros descance,
Amor que quiera seguir amando.
<i>Estrillo</i></p> | <p>3. You need the caring of my hands.
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>4. Tú, pescador de otros mares,
Ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.
<i>Estrillo</i></p> | <p>4. You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |

Opening Prayer *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Response *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

Children's Time Children and Youth are invited to separate Zoom classrooms immediately following this Children's Time

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Offering Our Gifts to God

Response

**Praise God whose many names abound;
Our Peace, our Rock, Our Holy Ground,
Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication Jonny Baker

God of justice, peace and right living, breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug our ears...that we might hear; that we might see; that we might grieve; that we might dream; that we might follow the ways of the radical and gentle Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:16-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

New Testament Lesson 2Corinthians 13:11-13 (MSG – The Message)

And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon *Don't Just Do Something, Stand There*

Invitation to the Communion Table We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

Call to Prayer *You Are Mine*



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —
2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —
3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —
4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the —
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —
 am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. —
 come and rest in —
 all will know my —
 up, now walk, and —



me. —
 name. — Do not be a - fraid, I am
 live! —



with you. I have called you each by name.



Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. —

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (sung to the tune by Nate Stout)

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] 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.

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Breaking Bread/Crackers & Pouring Wine/Juice

Communion Song *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.



yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food infused with the Spirit of Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your forever kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you in the ways of Jesus—with the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Parting *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*



- 1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
- 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
- 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
- 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, And the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, Life a -
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly
 do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure All that



gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us
 you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy lead us



With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty; With the Spir - it's
 Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 To a just so - ci - e - ty;



gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.

- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: And, amid the cares that claim us,
 "I am with you to the end." Hold in mind eternity;
 Faith and hope and love restoring, With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 May we serve as you intend, For the work of ministry.

Benediction

Response *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* #2184

Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra

make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me

task is ours to do, to set it real-ly free. O
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

God's Light Goes Forth

Music for Going Forth

From Thy Throne So High—Christoph Willibald von Gluck (1714-1798)

Announcements

Fellowship TODAY at 11:15am on Zoom!

An idea from a UCC congregation in Martha's Vineyard, we will put a PUCG twist on it. Bring a cup of coffee, tea or lemonade and visit with us!

Join with video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87613722749?pwd=TlpQOWYrSEhDSU1XeUtm bUU2SLA4dz09>. Join on your phone: (312) 626-6799 or (346) 248-7799
Meeting ID: 876 1372 2749; Password: 704089

Give-A-Meal Anytime this Summer!

Please consider making a financial contribution and/or sharing non-perishable food items with Isaiah 58 or Circle of Concern. They are doing critically important work these days. Monetary support can be sent to them directly. Food can be dropped there (note their restricted hours) or here on the table just inside the main doors.

Learn more about these ministries:

<https://i58ministries.org/>

<http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

TED Returns for Book Discussion via ZOOM June 9

Tuesdays | 7:00pm | via ZOOM

Tuesday Evening Dialogue is meeting online to discuss part one of the book, *The Line Becomes a River*, by Francisco Cantu. Look for the book at your favorite bookseller. It's a memoir about the author's role as a border patrol agent. A copy of the book should be easy for you to find where you buy books.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87027924691?pwd=QWU1NXZ6cG5QamhBZ3FNU3NoaoFwQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 2792 4691 | **Password:** Tuesday

Or join by phone: 1-312-626-6799



MAD Camp Goes to the Circus ONLINE

Monday, July 27-Thursday, July 31

Join us online for a fun-filled week as we put together a video circus! We will get together online daily on Zoom to sing songs, learn tricks, play games, listen to stories, and share our amazing talents and creations in a giant circus!

It's an exciting week of learning, playing, and using the gifts God has given us! Ages 3 through entering 5th grade (Hey-6th graders and up: We need YOU to be circus leaders!)

Cost: FREE (donations are appreciated; all funds raised will go to Every Child's Hope children's home)

Register online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCTLKm8mxIxxvjXsI57U1YUenR2xxt-nbjyc8qEGTabydBHA/viewform>

Questions? Email us at madcamp@parkwayucc.org

St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk 2020

Sunday, October 25
Please visit www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo for all details. Enter the name of our walk, Parkway UCC and it will take you to our donation page.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness that are happening near and far!

Concerns

Pat Owens - healing from a fall...broken nose and bruises.

Ellie Larson - fractured bone in her leg from a fall... wearing a brace.

Carol Wilbois and family - as they grieve and give thanks for Ron.*

Georgia Herpel - receiving hospice care at the end of life at *Cedarhurst*

Rosanna and Kevin Hogarty - as her mother lives with Covid-19.

Brian Havelka and family after his stroke (McKenzie).

Healthcare workers, homeless and many others at risk right now.

Social Distancing... if anyone needs groceries, medicine and/or other support, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-330-0629

People who are struggling with their mental health.

People who aren't feeling safe at home but are remaining there.

Individuals in all levels of leadership as they make decisions today.

Healing of relationships between police and the public. +

Continuing

Cherie Stolze - ongoing health issues; navigating medications/fatigue.

Randal Barnes - receiving hospice care (Steve's brother).

Rod and Linda - his bone cancer treatments and broken bones; her grief over her father who died from COVID-19 (Tarr).

Lori Connors - for strength, stamina through some health challenges.

Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.

Sister Mary Kay McKenzie - for health/wholeness (Tom's sister).

Ken and Rose - as they await nursing home placement for him (Peace).

Nelson Spencer - chemotherapy treatments (Svenson).

Alan Nichols - cancer in remission after chemo; some pain still (Pleis).

Tina - undergoing tests for cancer; crafting a treatment plan (Scharf).

Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability (McKenzie).

Grateful Tran - in prison; struggles w/schizophrenia (Evelyn Burette)

Bob - still struggling with Parkinson's (McKenzie).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.

The extended Eggebrecht Family - healing and wholeness.

The United Methodist Church and our LGBTQIA siblings there.

Pregnancy

Laura & Phil Waite... pending big brothers Henry, Oscar and Felix.

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Millicent Guerri - living with cancer... 14300 Conway Meadows Ct E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: December 5]

Georgia Herpel - *Cedarhurst*: 12826 Daylight Cir, St. Louis, MO 63131

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;

Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

Ruth Murray - *Villages of St Peters Memory Care*:

5300 Executive Centre Pkwy, #107; St. Peters, MO 63376; 636-477-6955.

[birthdate: September 11] Best times to visit – before 11am or after 2pm.

Pearl Sellenriek - *Friendship Village Care Center*; #725-2

15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

Dwight Smith - *Manor Grove*; 711 S Kirkwood Rd; Kirkwood, MO 63122;

314-965-0864 [birthdate: September 6]

Ellen Surber - *Delmar Gardens*: 14855 N Outer 40 Road, #508;

Chesterfield, MO 63017 (Lisa Davidson's mom) [birthdate: November 3]

Sue Houser - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B;

Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

Other

Dan Connors - completed writing a novel... taking next steps.

President Trump, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

Healing of relationships between police and the public.

All people who live with mental illness.

PUCC Family (and others) struggling with healthcare costs and limits.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC

Variety of Parkway members/friends - employment issues.

Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.

Peace and Justice near and far.

US Military around the globe.

St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending June 7 - **Immanuel UCC**, Ferguson; immanuelucc.church

Week ending June 14 - our **Missouri Mid-South Conference**; mmsucc.org

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+ https://www.instagram.com/p/CAxyXWOAPiL/?utm_source=ig_embed

12 year old Keedron Bryant

Thank you from Carol Wilbois

I am overwhelmed with the huge response I have received in response to Ron's passing. Your cards are comforting as I struggle with loss and change. It inspires me to be more aware of the needs of others. Thank you Parkway for being a caring congregation. ~Carol

Pray these Psalms

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth... (Psalm 121: 1-2)

The Lord will keep you from all evil. God will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121: 7-8)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who are in awe of God; as far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

...Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27: 14)

I sought the Lord, and God answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to God are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed... (Psalm 34: 4-5)

I waited patiently for the Lord; God inclined to me and heard my cry. God drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! (Psalm 40: 11)

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from God. God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. (Psalm 62:5-7)

Two of the many **MLK Jr quotes** that come to *mind/heart/spirit* this week -

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do -- you have to keep moving forward.

TRINITY SUNDAY

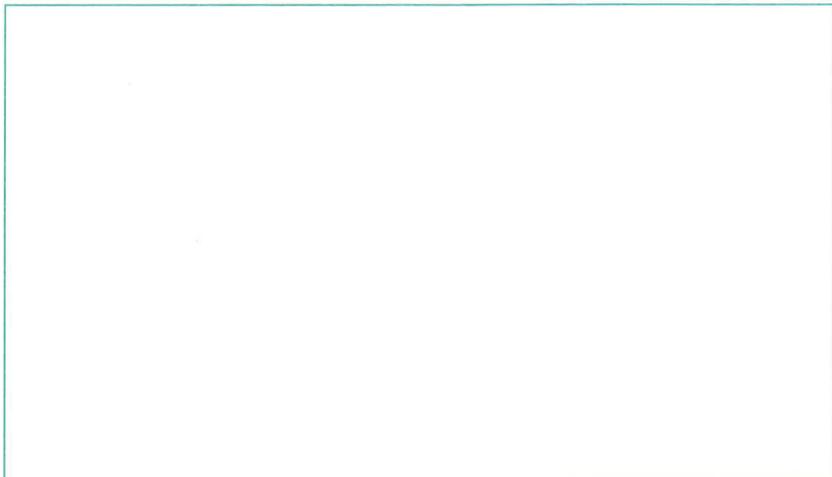
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Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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In this, the first creation story in our scriptures, the first words are often translated “in *the* beginning...” A better translation would be “in *a* beginning...” From the very first words of our holy book, we receive a reminder that we always have the chance to try again.

One of the most enduring and astonishing promises of our faith is that we are made in God’s image. If that is so, we are also creators. And, if the scripture is to be believed, then we have the chance to begin and begin, over and over again.



Use this space to be creative. Draw a picture of something you can see right now. Compose the first verse of a new hymn. Write a love letter. Design the most sacred and welcoming worship space you can imagine. Create a new recipe or write an old one for someone in another generation. Pray using shapes, colors, or words.

As you create, avoid the temptation to criticize your creation. Allow yourself to appreciate it as God, in whose image you are made, loved the world being made and called it good.

