

A large, dark, leafy tree stands in the center of a grassy field. The sun is setting directly behind the tree, creating a bright, glowing effect. A large flock of sheep is grazing in the field, with many sheep visible in the foreground and middle ground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and grey, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Weaving the Future

Sunday, July 26, 2020

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Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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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Birthdays

7/27 HOGARTY, Kevin

7/28 WADDELL, Chase

7/27 LOWENTHAL, Andrew

7/29 STOLZE, Sarah

7/27 TALLYN, Diane

7/30 PLEIS, Marion

7/27 WILSON, Anna

8/1 RAUSCHER, Steffanie

7/27 WILSON, Emily

8th Sunday *after* Pentecost

July 26, 2020 | 10:00am

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*—arr. Dale Wood

Meditation *Risk is more than is required. Learn more than is normal. Be strong. Show courage. Breathe. Excel. Love. Lead. Speak your truth. Live your values. Laugh. Cry. Innovate. Simplify. Adore mastery. Release mediocrity. Aim for genius. Stay humble. Be kinder than expected. Deliver more than is needed. Exude passion. Shatter your limits. Transcend your fears. Inspire others by your bigness. Dream big but start small. Act now. Don't stop. Change the world. ~Robin Sharma*

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *I Love to Tell the Story*



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.

2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems

3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat

4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



Of Je - sus' ra - dant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.

than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.

what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.

seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;

I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you

I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard

And when I sing in glo - ry. I know the new, new song

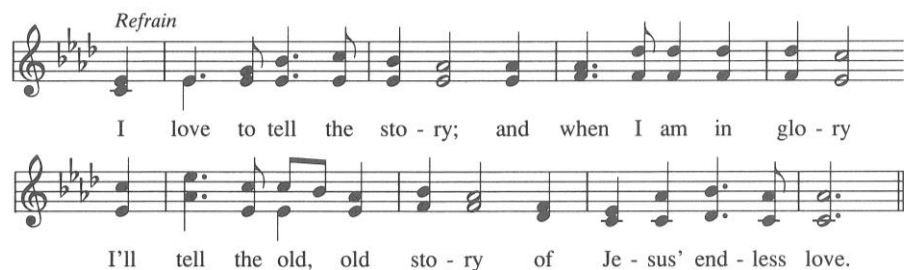


it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.

be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.

the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.

will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

One:	We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.
Many:	We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.
One:	We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.
All:	Let's worship our God together—Creator, Christ, Spirit.
One:	O Prince of peace, from peace that is no peace, from the grip of all that is evil, from a violent righteousness...
Many:	Deliver us.
One:	From paralysis of will, from lies and misnaming, from terror of truth...
Many:	Deliver us.
One:	From hardness of heart, from trading in slaughter, from the worship of death...
Many:	Deliver us.
One:	By the folly of your gospel, by your choosing our flesh, by your nakedness and pain...
Many:	Heal us.
One:	By your weeping over the city, by your refusal of the sword, by your facing of horror...
Many:	Heal us.
One:	By your bursting from the tomb, by your coming in judgment, by your longing for peace...
Many:	Heal us.
All:	Grant us peace that we might share it with others. Amen.

Response *Seek Ye First*

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

righteous - ness, And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

add-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o-pen-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first two lines of lyrics. The second line of music corresponds to the next two lines of lyrics. The third line of music corresponds to the final two lines of lyrics. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

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

Blessing the Children *This, This is Where Children Belong*

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the

wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and

cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics. The second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The third line of music corresponds to the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

Reflections *Half a Dozen Ways to the Kingdom*

Matthew 13:31-53, selected verses

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
 Kin-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and
 seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Kin-dom of God!

Refrain
 Bring forth the Kin-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the
 Kin-dom of peace; bring forth the Kin-dom of jus-tice,
 bring forth the Cit-y of God!

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; in their joy they go and sell all that they have and buy that field."

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
 Kin-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of
 life, O peo-ple: Life in the Kin-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the Kin-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the




Kin-dom of peace; bring forth the Kin-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, they went and sold all that they had and bought it."

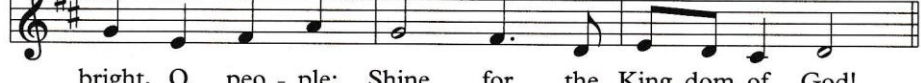
Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad."



2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the



Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and



bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Jesus said, “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of their treasure what is new and what is old.”

A Time of Prayer *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, ____

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; ____

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, ____ send us

love, send us power, send us grace. ____

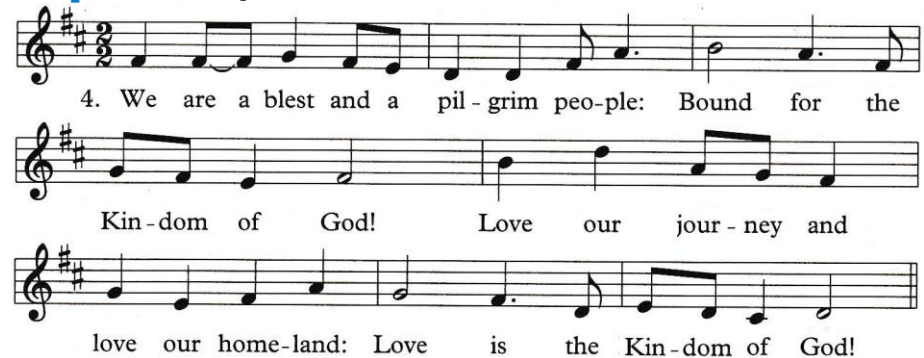
Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.]

Response *Bring Forth the Kingdom*



4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the

Kin-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

love our home-land: Love is the Kin-dom of God!

Refrain



Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Moment of Truth*—Esther Megargel

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the people we know; the larger world where the power of love is always needed. Amen.

Song of Parting *We Are Called*



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|----------|---------|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1. Come! | Live in | the light! | _____ | Shine | with the |
| 2. Come! | O - pen | your heart! | _____ | Show | your |
| 3. Sing! | Sing | a new song! | _____ | Sing | of that |



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free - dom of the
hope for the hope-less so all ha - tred and blind-ness will
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

Refrain

cit-y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____

jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der-ly, _____

_____ we are called to serve one an-oth-er, _____ to

walk hum-bly with God! _____

Benediction & Becoming the Light

Music for Going Forth *Psalm*—Gordon Young

You Don't Know Me But— Laura Grace Weldon

I miss you, fellow walkers – dad with double stroller,
 rainbow legging woman, earnest black hound hauling
 graybeard man on a never-slack leash.

I miss the Marc's check-out clerk with three nose rings,
 bitten nails, sardonic asides.

Miss the librarian whose voice is soft as my mother's was
 back when I sobbed myself weak, her hand
 stroking my hair while she looked out the window.

Wherever you are now, I wish you well.

Cast light around you each night before sleep. I want
 your granny to pull through, your job to stick around, your
 landlord to grant you every dispensation. I want flowers
 to sprout in your garbage, old milk to turn into yogurt.

May your junk mail transform into loans forgiven,
 scholarships granted, grievances forgotten.

May we see each other soon, smile in recognition,
 reimagine a world where we all breathe free.

Announcements

Give-A-Meal Anytime this Summer!

Make a financial contribution and/or share 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. <https://i58ministries.org/> **and** <http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

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 — entering 5th grade (We need 6th graders and up as 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/1FAIpQLScCTLKm8mxIxx-jXsI57U1YUenR2xxt-nbjyc8qEGtabydBHA/viewform>

Questions? Email us at madcamp@parkwayucc.org

TODAY! Parkway Speaker Series

Sunday, July 26: *The Science of Covid-19*—John Russell

Who knows best, Dr. Fauci or President Trump or Dr. Russell?

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWWhOck9JQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 9858 1439 | Password: 256973 | (312) 626-6799

Medicaid Expansion (Amendment 2) on Aug 4 Ballot

Missouri is only one of 14 remaining states that have not expanded Medicaid for those in need.

More information is available at: <https://www.healthcareformissouri.org>

Please be aware of the mail-in voting option for the both August and November elections.

If you would like to work with Metropolitan Congregations United to educate others about Medicaid Expansion and to get out the vote (virtual phone banking), please contact Bob Karr (karr.bob@gmail.com).

More info? Contact Pam Manning: pmanning5078@gmail.com

Helping Our Neighbors

Now through August 16

Back-to-school clothing items needed. Instead of sending a long list of school materials needed, Isaiah 58 is requesting socks, underwear, and gift cards for shoes, for all ages, kindergarten through 12th grade. Isaiah 58 serves our neighbors in the Choteau, Jefferson, Cherokee, and S. Kingshighway boundaries. These items are especially needed during these difficult times of the pandemic and unemployment. As you are able, please consider donating the socks, underwear, and gift cards. Drop off at church in the SCHOOL BUS just inside the main doors at your convenience and/or add to your food pantry donations in August.

Contact Evelyn Buretta: burettaevelyn@gmail.com

Sign-up for “Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up!”

Monday July 27 – Monday August 10

Miriam Academy is now housed in their new facility and it is time to make Parkway UCC's education wing ready for whatever the future holds. **YOU** are needed to clean, paint and help with minor repairs. Two-hour shifts are available each day the last week of July and first week of August for all skill/willing-to-help levels. The times are spread out so that that social distancing can be practiced during this project. We will provide the paint but we ask that you bring any other needed supplies. Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445adad2ca7fb6-clean>
Questions? Contact Mike Mason (Mike Mason mmason_family@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ferrell (kathy@parkwayucc.org). More details as you sign up.



*The Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom of St. Louis*

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial

Join us on Zoom for a viewing and discussion of:



This award-winning documentary covers a brief history of nuclear weapons and efforts regarding the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It also includes interviews by activists from organizations, countries and others involved in the treaty's passage. For more information and to watch the trailer, go to www.theendofnuclearweapons.com.

Saturday, August 8th, 2020 at 5 PM

PUCC Prayer List

as of July 21, 2020

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness that are happening near and far!
The momentum toward justice and equity.

Concerns

Family of Ellen Surber - grieving/giving thanks (Lisa Davidson's mom).
Marv Herpel - healing after a fall; hospitalized; cementing vertebrae.
Sue Stolze - in need of healing after surgery for perforated ulcer.
David Haack - living with COVID-19; some improvement (Bill's dad in TX).
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 the public and the police.

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.
Nelson Spencer - chemotherapy treatments (Svenson).
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 Buretta)
Bob - still struggling with Parkinson's (McKenzie).
Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.
The extended Eggebrecht Family - healing and wholeness.

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]

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

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]

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.

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 July 26 - Samuel UCC, Clayton; samuelucc.org

Week ending August 2 - Second Congregational UCC, Memphis...

2nd Cong has been the chapel for LeMoyne-Owen College since the late nineteenth century. The current building by Frank Nesbit and Harold E. Smith is the oldest unaltered church in Memphis designed and built by black artisans for a predominantly black congregation. The church houses a notable mural of a non-white Jesus painted by Reginald Morris, teacher at LeMoyne in the 1950s and 60s who studied mural painting in Mexico.

[The church was placed on the National Register on August 26, 1982.]

July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Weaving the Future

The National Youth Event (NYE), which met earlier this week at Purdue University in Indiana, brought together thousands of young people from across the United Church of Christ for a week of worship, fellowship and engaged service, built on 6 pillars. As you read more about each of these pillars, consider what your youth will find at home. How will the youth continue to build on the foundation that they have begun to build? Will they find these pillars in place in their home church? How do the adults in your community make the youth, and their ongoing faith journey, a priority?

Faith

NYE grounds youth in the love and power of the Gospel as well as the identity and community of the United Church of Christ through worship and spiritual journey.

Reflection

NYE empowers youth through courageous reflection and the critique of systems and power that diminishes the humanity and God-image of every person and community.

Encounter

NYE calls youth to serve and demonstrate the Gospel's solidarity and radical pastoral accompaniment, recognizing we are already connected to that which we engage.

Justice

NYE lives into the mission of the United Church of Christ, sustained by grace, to build a just world for all.

Community Building

NYE sustains youth through community building and celebration of life, building strong connections for a lifetime journey.

Leadership

NYE cultivates the leadership of our youth, from its planning to realization, calling youth to create and problem solve towards a just world for all.

