



FACE TO FACE

Sunday, August 2, 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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Communications Requests: Please use the form at www.parkwayucc.org/communications for all announcements for the bulletin/eNews/website/social media/etc. Bulletin and eNews communications request deadline is noon Tuesday. Bulletin announcements will generally be run for three weeks prior to the event. However, all announcements will be posted via our various publications as fits in our communications strategy and as resources permit.

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Birthdays

8/2 WOODSON, Jennifer & Curt (9)

Birthdays

8/2 SCHEFFEL, Helen

8/4 CONNORS, Lori

8/3 FRAZIER, Robbie

8/7 BOYD, Bob

8/3 WADDELL, Brian

8/8 PEACE, Ruth

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. <http://i58ministries.org/> **and** <http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

9th Sunday *after* Pentecost

August 2, 2020 | 10:00am

For our worship singing today, we are using songs in the manner of Taizé. Traditionally, these simple one or two line songs are introduced by a Cantor, and then the congregation joins in as that song is repeatedly sung several times. Please allow the cantor to sing the song through once, and then join in. Adding harmonies is welcomed and encouraged, as you can and care to.

Meditation *Peace be to all who visit this sacred house of God... sanctified by years of prayer. Pause awhile...allow the past to speak words of comfort to your soul, then add your prayer to ours before you go forth from the calm of this shelter into the busy world.*

Gathering Song *Come and Pray*—Barry Luedloff, 2015

One:	Come and pray. Come and pray. Come . . . worship, and pray.
Many:	Come and pray. Come and pray. Come . . . worship, and pray.

Passing the Peace Audrey and John Nourse, former PUC Pastors
(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Scripture Psalm 121 | Krista Betz, former PUC Pastor

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Call to Worship *Come to Me, Weary Traveler*—Sylvia Dunstan

One:	Jesus says - Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress, come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.
Many:	We are weary travelers. We come for rest.
One:	Jesus says - Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.
Many:	We are weary travelers. We come to put aside our fears.

One:	Jesus says - Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.
Many:	We are weary travelers. We come to lay our troubles down.
One:	Jesus says— Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.
Many:	We are weary travelers. We come for rest and care.

Opening Prayer *Empty Vessel*—Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. Amen.

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

Offering Our Gifts to God *How Blessed Are You*—Jacques Berthier (Les Presses de Taizé, 1978)

One:	How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours. How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.
Many:	How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours. How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

Prayer of Dedication *Prayer of St Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21 | Krista Betz, former PUCC Pastor

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Response *Sing to God*—Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 1998

One:	Sing to God with joyful hearts. Praise our God for evermore. Praise our God for evermore.
Many:	Sing to God with joyful hearts. Praise our God for evermore. Praise our God for evermore.

Moment of Silence

Sermon *Alone and Together*

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.

A Time of Prayer *Wait for the Lord*—Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 1998

One:	Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.
Many:	Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

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.]

Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

Sing, Praise and Bless—Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 1998

One:	Sing, praise and bless our God. Sing, praise and bless our God. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!
Many:	Sing, praise and bless our God. Sing, praise and bless our God. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Christ Be With Me*—St. Patrick
**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on
my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise.
Amen.**

Benediction *God of Creation*—M. Thomas Thangaraj
Call and Response. Cantor (One) will sing a line, the congregation (**Many**) repeats it.

One:	God of creation,
Many:	God of creation,
One:	send us with your love.
Many:	send us with your love.
One:	Child of salvation,
Many:	Child of salvation,
One:	send us with your grace.
Many:	send us with your grace.
One:	Spirit of communion,
Many:	Spirit of communion,
One:	Send us with your peace.
Many:	Send us with your peace.
One:	Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, a-men.
Many:	Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, a-men.

Becoming the Light
Music for Going Forth

Announcements

NEXT WEEK: Parkway Speaker Series
Confessions of a Book Disciple—Harold Cobb
Sunday, August 9 | 11:15am | via ZOOM
Harold has a passion for books, which, in turn, gives him strong credentials to know what’s a good read and what’s not. Expect his Top Ten List.
ZOOM link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWWhOck9JQT09>
Meeting ID: 848 9858 1439 | **Password:** 256973 | **Phone:** (312) 626-6799

Volunteers needed to get out the vote TODAY!

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>

Volunteer as a UCC member to take a 2-hour shift to make calls to encourage voter turnout and voting yes for Medicaid expansion (Amendment 2). This link was created by Conference Minister Ginny Brown Daniel and will be sent to her. She will send volunteer info to MCU (Metropolitan Congregations United), which is the organization coordinating this effort.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba9a82ca5f85-mmsvolunteers>

More info? Contact Polly Rutherford: pollyrutherford@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Dialogue August 11

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7:00pm | via ZOOM

Be a part of the discussion of this honest and stunning novel that inspired the award-winning major motion picture of the same name, James Baldwin has given America a moving story of love in the face of injustice.

ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88245410276?pwd=YW1NSlc0YW5WNMSGo3bWZrUHlrWEVXUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 4541 0276 | **Passcode:** 221351 | **Phone:** (312) 626-6799

Sign-up for "Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up!"

Thru Monday August 10

Help clean, paint and do minor repairs. Two-hour shifts are available each day the 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. **You must schedule your session so that we can maintain social distancing.**

PPE required. Signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445adad2ca7fb6-clean>

Questions? Contact Mike Mason (Mike_Mason_mason_family@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ferrell (kathy@parkwayucc.org). More details as you sign up.

Helping Our Neighbors

Now through August 16

Back-to-school clothing items needed. Isaiah 58 is requesting socks, underwear, and gift cards for shoes, for all ages, L-12. 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. Drop off donations 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



*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 29, 2020

Celebrations

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

Concerns

Lisa Davidson & Family - grieving/giving thanks for her mother. ++

A celebration of Ellen's life will be held at a time when it is safe to do so.

Marv Herpel - strengthening after a fall - Surrey Place... 314-413-0985;
Canyon Creek #21; 14701 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Sue Stolze - in need of healing after surgery for perforated ulcer.

Naomi and Joe Runtz - prepping for her knee replacement on 8/4.

Susan Sieber Carroll - surgery on 8/10 due to Crohn's Disease.

Pat and Bill Klein - settling in at Anthology in Wildwood. **

Ed Chwascinski - stroke after surgery (Evelyn Buretta's bro-in-law).

David Haack - 'acute care'; no longer COVID-19 positive (Bill's dad).

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.

Decision-making regarding school for his coming year.

Continuing

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

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

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 treatment for cancer (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 - continues to struggle 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]

****Pat Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]

****Bill Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

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; [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.]

August 2, 2020

Matthew 14:13-21

Face to Face

“(Jesus) took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds.”

-Matthew 14:19, Common English Bible Translation

Jesus blessed the bread before he shared it and the result was abundance for himself, his disciples, and the strangers who flocked around them. How might we expand our vision if we gave thanks every time we ate? Try one of these simple meal blessings or another one of your choosing before your next meal.

Prayer for breakfast:

Thank you for this breakfast food.

Strengthen me/us to do your good.

All this day and all the next.

Remind me/us that Your love is best.

Hallelujah!

Prayer over lunch:

God, bless this food.

Bless this pause in the busy business of the day.

Strengthen me/us to work for your justice

for those who don't have enough to eat

or who eat alone today. Amen.

Prayer over dinner:

Jesus, you met your friends around a table.

Meet me/us here and help me/us to hear your promises:

I am/We are forgiven and you are with me/us always. Amen.

Prayer over a snack:

Creator God, you made everything, large and small.

You made it all and called it good -

every rock and person, plant and animal,

and this little snack. Thank you. Amen.

