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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

- 9/1 REED, Lara & Jared (13)
- 9/3 BOYD, Karen & Robert (32)
- 9/3 MATTEUCCI, Sandra & Nick (26)

Birthdays

8/30	RUNTZ, Naomi	9/4	OSBORNE, Thomas
9/1	CHOSTNER, Brian	9/5	ALLISON, Vivian
9/1	HASLER, Rick	9/5	STAPPENBECK, Julie

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020 | 10:00am

Meditation It is now a fundamental rule of social psychology that behavior and attitude generate one another in an endless spiral, like chicken and egg. This principle affirms the Biblical understanding of action and faith or what Bonhoeffer called obedience and belief. Depending on where we break into this spiraling chain, we will see faith as a source of action or as a consequence. Action and faith, like action and attitude, feed one another.

~Malcolm Jeeves and David G. Myers

Passing the Peace of Christ John and Audrey Nourse

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

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

Prelude Holy God, We Praise Thy Name—Flor Peeters (1903-1986) Barb Raedeke, former PUCC Organist

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?



Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?

We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;

I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.



Pray that I have the grace to may let you mv ser-vant, too. We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load. hand out to you, speak the I will hold my peace you long to will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.

Scripture Matthew 25:31-45 (MSG—The Message)

Jesus said, "When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. "Then the Ruler will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the Ruler will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

"Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

"Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?'

"He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.'

Call to Worship James Burklo

All:	And welcome to worship!
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Eager for serving?
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Ready for learning?
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Burning for challenge?
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Yearning for comfort?
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Thirsty for purpose?
Many:	Welcome home.
One:	Hungry for meaning?

Song They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Alison, Amy and Lauren Yakel



- 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.
- 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,



the Spir - it, in we are Lord, we are one one in the we will walk with each oth - er, walk hand in hand. we will 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:



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

Opening Prayer Maranatha!

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be—make me a servant, make me a servant today. Amen.

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

Blessing the Children If I Had A Hammer

Barb Kuhlmann

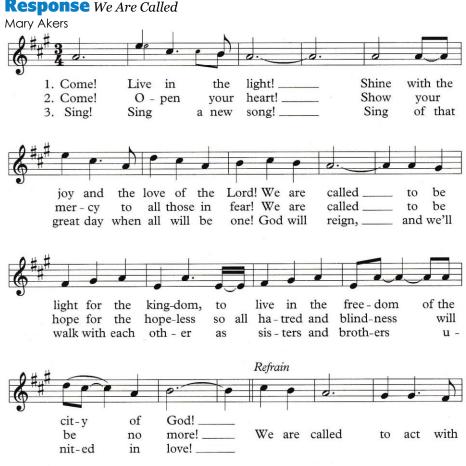
Scripture Psalm 105:1-6 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

John Nourse, Pastor Emeritus

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek God and God's strength; seek God's presence continually. Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered, O offspring of the servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.



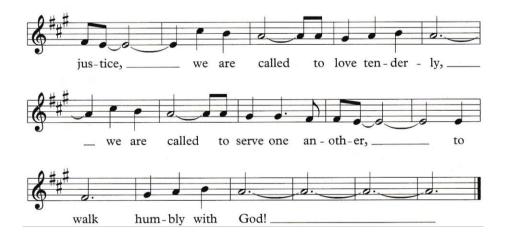
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Scripture Romans 12:9-21 (CEB—Common English Bible)

John Nourse, Pastor Emeritus

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying.

Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.

Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good. If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, 'Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back', says the Lord.

Instead, if your enemy is hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon their head. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Moment of Silence

Reflection Evelyn Buretta

Response Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life





- 1. Where cross the crowd ed ways of life, Where sound the
- 2. In haunts of wretch-ed ness and need, On shad owed
- 3. From ten der child-hood's help less ness, From hu man 4. The cup of wa - ter given for Thee Still holds the





 O Master, from the mountainside, Make haste to heal these hearts of pain; Among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again;

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 Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And follow where Thy feet have trod; Till glorious from Thy heaven above Shall come the city of our God.

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Reflection Cindy Changyit Levin

Response Would I Have Answered When You Called? \vee 1-2, 4

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Reflection Kevin Cameron

Call to Prayer You Are My Hiding Place

Mona Smith Herberg

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

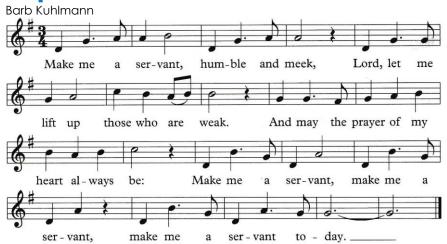
Lord's Prayer

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.]

Invitation to Generosity

Response Make Me A Servant



Words of Dedication

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. Amen.

Song of Parting Here I Am, Lord





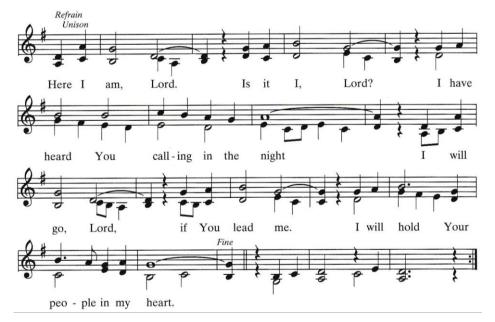
All who dwell in deep-est sin
I have wept for love of them,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
They turn a - way.
My hand will save.



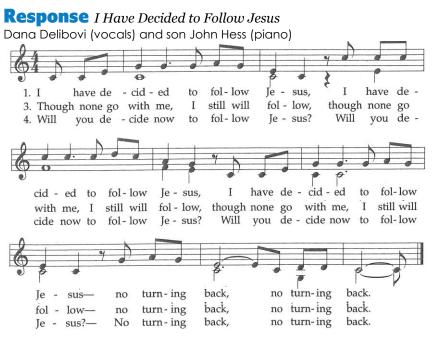
I who made the stars of night, I will break their hearts of stone,

Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark-ness bright. Give them hearts for love a - lone. Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Benediction



God's Light Goes Forth

Music for Going Forth Fanfare—William Mathias

Barb Raedeke, former PUCC organist

Announcements

LIFE classes from Eden Seminary will be happening via Zoom this fall. We are going to go back to the Friday evening- shorter Saturday format as the faculty feels that this will help reduce "Zoom Fatigue" for the Certificate courses. The Psalm Elective will be three Wed. nights.

Friday 7:00-9:00 | Sat. 9-11:30/12:30-2:00.

Full course descriptions from the Eden faculty and registration information will be available soon.

Certificate Courses:

Sept. 25 & 26 Missional Leadership with Rev. Steve Lawler

Oct. 23 & 24 Preaching, Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy

Nov. 13 & 14 Pastoral Care, Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie

PSALM elective: Sept. 9, 16, 23 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Clint McCann.

Gateway ONA Drag Bingo

Saturday, September 19, 2020 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Last year, Gateway Open and Affirming Churches hosted a dinner/trivia event to raise funds for the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ. It was a wonderful evening and we were looking forward to holding another dinner/trivia night this year. Our Covid-19 pandemic has changed those plans. However, we still want to host a fun evening of fundraising for Coalition. Thus, we have created a Drag Bingo Evening which will be virtual on Zoom!

Registration Fee: \$25.00 Register by September 14 at:

www.gatewayona.com/bingofundraiser-2020.html

Each registrant will receive 5 Bingo Cards via email. For additional information: mhattman@att.net | 314-443-4277.

St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk 2020 Sunday, October 25

Please visit www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo for all details of this virtual walk. When you go to the website, enter the name of our walk, Parkway UCC and it will take you to our donation page. The need for food is HUGE this year, both locally and internationally, so we are accepting donations now so the monies can be distributed immediately. Thanks for all you do, Parkway. Your Crop Walk Team, Sue Moellering, Gerry and Mike Rogers, and Pamela Manning.

PUCC Prayer List

as of Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Celebrations

A new and unique school year is beginning. All the acts of kindness that are happening near and far! The momentum toward justice and equity.

Concerns

Polly Rutherford - healing from her successful 2 day back surgery – fusion of L2&3, 3&4, connecting to /revising L4&5 from 2 years ago. **Healthcare workers, homeless** and many others at risk right now. **Physical 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. People effected by storms this week.

Continuina

Naomi and Joe Runtz - as she recuperates from knee replacement. **Tim Ruiz** - recovering from back surgery last week. **Crystal** - young mom just diagnosed with 2 types of cancer (Yakel). **Nelson Spencer** - very serious heart condition (Ellie Svenson). Blake - recent cancer diagnosis (Greg Schmelig). **David Haack** - 'acute care'; no longer COVID-19 positive (Bill's dad). **Cherie Stolze** - ongoing health issues; navigating medications/fatigue. **Lori Connors** - for strength, stamina through some health challenges. Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxen - PUCC sisters with health challenges. **Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues. **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 August 30 - St. John's UCC, St. Louis; sjuccstl.org Week ending September 6 - St Lucas UCC, Sunset Hills; stlucasucc.org

Thank You!

Hello Kevin and all the wonderful cooks, I can't say thank you enough for all the wonderful meals the women have been providing us during my recuperation. You can't believe how wonderful it is for us, as meal preparation is the hardest thing for me to do. Our care givers sy that our church is the most loving and caring and we certainly agree with that. Thank you, Thank you. ~All the best, Naomi and Joe

Thanks to our generous congregants for donating food, socks, underwear, gift cards, and essential personal hygiene products for Isaiah 58 Ministries. All items were greatly appreciated, especially now with job and food insecurity. ~Evelyn Buretta

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

Romans 12:9-21

Spirit-Led Living

Imagine a day living as commanded by Paul in today's passage from Roman's 12. What would it be like if his bold and brave commands were as much a part of daily living as your other chores and duties? What would your daily to-do list look like? Maybe something like this:

Wake up and brush teeth.	☐ Extend hospitality to strangers.
Exercise.	☐ Afternoon desk work.
Hate what is evil.	☐ Bless those who persecute you.
Shower.	☐ Grocery store.
Hold fast to what is good.	☐ Pick up kids.
Breakfast.	☐ Do not claim to be wiser than
Love one another with mutual	you are.
affection.	☐ Dinner.
Do not lag in zeal.	lue Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
Catch the train for work.	☐ Pay bills.
Rejoice in hope.	☐ Watch news.
Morning meeting.	☐ Live peaceably with all.
Lunch.	

It can seem absurd or ridiculous to mix up Paul's big commands with our every-day life. But maybe it makes you wonder how would it change your day if you took Paul's list of to-dos from Romans as seriously as you take the rest of your list? How will you know unless you try it?

