

# JUST PEACE

**IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE:**  
BLACK LIVES MATTER  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS  
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL  
**SCIENCE IS REAL**  
LOVE IS LOVE  
KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING



**PARKWAY**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
September 20, 2020

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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## Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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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 to Parkway

**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

9/20 POUNDS, Melissa & Louis (17)

9/25 SCHARF, Ingrid & Dave (15)

## Birthdays

9/21 KLEIN, Patricia

9/23 STAPPENBECK, Thad

9/21 ROESLER, Lydia

9/24 HOOD, Henry

9/21 SCHATZ, Drew

9/25 MASON, Mike

9/22 TUPPER, Leslie

9/25 WEAS, Dan

9/23 MATTINGLY, Shirley

9/26 STOLZE, Sue

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

September 20, 2020 | 10:00am

## Meditation

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. ~Thomas Merton read by Cherie Stolze*

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

## Prelude

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome Song *Morning Has Broken*



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

## Scripture Psalm 143 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version) Ellie Svenson

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgement with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble. In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

### **Call to Worship** Vilma M. Machin; transl. by Rose M. Grijalva

One:	<i>iMi corazón está listo, oh Dios, mi corazón listo está!</i> My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready!
Many:	<b><i>iCantaré, cantaré alabanzas! iDespierta mi alma!</i></b> <b>I will sing, I will sing praises! Wake up, my soul!</b>
One:	<i>iDespierta, oh arpa y lira! iDespertaré la aurora!</i> Wake up, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
Many:	<b><i>iTe daré gracias a ti, oh Dios, entre todas las gentes!</i></b> <b>I will thank you, O God, among all people!</b>
All:	<i>iAlabemos y adoremos al Dios de la creacion!</i> <b>Let us praise and adore the God of Creation!</b>

### **Reading** *Someone Asked the Question (Why Do We Sing?)*

I sing because I'm happy  
I sing because I'm free  
God's eyes are the sparrow  
That's the reason why I sing

### **Opening Prayer** Ronald Beebe led by Cherie Stolze

**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

# Response Woke Up This Morning

*Leader*

1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was

The first system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment is mostly rests in this system.

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The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, G5, and A5. The piano accompaniment remains mostly rests.

*All*  
Stayed on Je - sus,

The third system is marked *All*. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and moving lines in the left hand.

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The fourth system continues the vocal line with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, G5, and A5. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

Stayed on Je - sus,

The fifth system continues the vocal line with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.



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stayed, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le -  
Stayed on Je - sus, Hal - le - lu,

lu, Hal - le - lu - jah.  
Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah. —

2. Oh, you can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...
3. Makes you love everybody with your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...
4. Oh, the devil can't catch you in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...
5. Oh, yes, Jesus is the captain in your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...

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

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



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor - ship - ing throug. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

## Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB – Common English Bible) Ellie Svenson

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarius, he sent them into his vineyard.

“Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’

When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, “These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.”

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”



## Moment of Silent Reflection

**Sermon** *I Don't Know—and I'm Okay with That!*

**Call to Prayer** *Cares Chorus*



I cast all my cares up-on you, I  
lay all of my bur-dens down at your feet, and  
an-y-time that I don't know what to do, I will  
cast all my cares up-on you.

## 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.]

**Song** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
 And our eternal home.

## Offering Our Gifts to God

### Offertory *For One Great Peace*



1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this  
 2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this  
 3. this check I write, this march I join, this



stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this  
 fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this  
 faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in



pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,  
 rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,  
 one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

## 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

**God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessings to us and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source of hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us. In the Spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## Song of Parting *God Will Take Care of You (Be Not Dismayed)*



- 1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
- 2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
- 3 All you may need God will pro- vide, God will take care of you;
- 4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath God's wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.  
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.  
Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.  
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on God's breast, God will take care of you.

### Refrain



God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

## Benediction

### God's Light Goes Forth

### Music for Going Forth

# Announcements

## TODAY! Speaker Series *The OKC Bombing* - Brad Lyons

Sunday, September 20 | 11:15am

The Oklahoma City bombing remains the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. PUCCEr Brad Lyons, a newspaper reporter at the time, was at the scene within minutes. This is his story.

### Zoom Meeting

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

**Meeting ID:** 848 9858 1439 | **Passcode:** 256973 | **Phone:** 312-626-6799 US

Contact Richard Scherrer: [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com) | 3149935210

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue - September 22

Tuesday, September 22 | 7:00pm | via ZOOM

Please join us on ZOOM for the second half of a fun discussion of *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. It's a satire of the American abroad, complete with mishaps and misunderstandings, a bittersweet romance of chances lost and ultimately a love story about the human heart.

can get the book on your device, library or buy the paperback.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86395775050?pwd=R2JjdTR6Ni9ubFp1dStzMGlJSXI1dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 892 6384 1824 | **Passcode:** Book Club

**Phone:** 312-626-6799 US

**Meeting ID:** 892 6384 1824 | **Passcode:** 952340918

Questions? Contact Helen Race: [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net) | 3144014382

## NEXT WEEK Speaker Series

*The Harper Hybrid School—Covid Creativity* by Joe Wagner

Sun, Sep 27 | 11:15am | online presentation details to be announced

Joe Wagner is the co-founder of Harper School in Frontenac and Harper Hybrid, an innovative alternative to educating children during the Pandemic. And, as you likely know, HH is a new tenant at Parkway Church.

## Halloween Candy Needed

Oct 17 deadline | Container in the front entrance under the food donations  
Every year we send our college students a little Halloween treat to let them know we are thinking about them. We are asking for Halloween candy to send to them. Also, in place of our annual Trunk or Treat we're offering a Community event, Outside Halloween Adventure on Saturday, October 24 from 5:00-6:00 PM. It will be held rain or shine around the church grounds. Families with masks and social distance will meet superheroes telling their stories and will receive candy as if trick or treating. So, we are asking for candy at this event as well. Thanks for helping us! Contact Barbara Kuhlmann: [barbk@parkwayucc.org](mailto:barbk@parkwayucc.org) | 314-607-2841

## Habitat for Humanity St. Louis Auction

September 17 – October 4 | <https://www.biddingowl.com/Samuel>

For the last 25 years, St. Louis area United Churches of Christ have raised funds and volunteers to work on more than 30 Habitat for Humanity Homes. More than \$800,000 has come from those churches and hundreds of volunteers.

Samuel UCC, one of about 25 UCC Churches in our UCC Habitat Build, Invites you to participate in a silent auction, of food, services, heirlooms and ??? To benefit our UCC Habitat Build in 2020.

If you have an item, a service, an activity to share, please email me with a picture and description to place in the auction. We'll include your name and/or church name with the item.

Six months ago, Covid-19, forced Samuel to cancel it's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner to raise funds for the UCC build. After six months, Samuel presents HALF ST. PATRICKS.

Among opportunities and chances to donate is the Silent Auction in which ALL UCC Build churches are invited to participate.

It will go LIVE on Half St. Pat's Day, September 17. Please join the fun, get a preview and sign in and bid or donate to help build affordable housing in St. Louis: <https://www.biddingowl.com/Samuel>

Every cent raised will benefit our joint UCC effort in this strange time of Covid-19.

Contact Tom Mckenzie: [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net) | 314-567-0429

## **Outside Halloween Adventure**

Sat, Oct 24 | 5:00-6:00 pm | Outside church grounds

Families can go on this adventure to meet superheroes that will tell their stories This is kid- friendly and non-scary. When they meet the superhero they will receive Halloween treats. It will be held outside on the church grounds everyone wearing masks and social distancing. Rain or Shine come and have FUN!

Contact Barbara Kuhlmann: [barbk@parkwayucc.org](mailto:barbk@parkwayucc.org) | 314-607-2841

## **Walk to End Alzheimer's** Saturday October 24

The St. Louis Walk to End Alzheimer's is happening on October 24th. Small walks will be all over the city, in neighborhoods, on sidewalks or trails with family and friends. People within the PUCC community are currently affected, so it has a special meaning this year. All of us are raising funds for one goal, a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Because this disease isn't waiting, neither can we. Please visit the Parkway Team website: [https://act.alz.org/site/TRteam\\_id=619694&pg=team&fr\\_id=13574](https://act.alz.org/site/TRteam_id=619694&pg=team&fr_id=13574) to donate to the team.

Contact Joyce Ruiz by email at: [joyceruiz7 @gamil.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gamil.com) or phone 314-494-8979 with questions or to sign up to walk together.

## **UPDATE St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk 2020**

Sunday, October 25

The Crop Walk 2020 is still happening on October 25th. It will be followed by the Crop Concert. All Crop Walk Events will be virtual this year

The need to alleviate hunger continues greater than ever. Please visit the Crop Walk website for all details:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo)

Please join Parkway's team as a virtual walker, or donate to the team. Crop Walk and world hunger need you, Parkway

If you have questions, please contact your Parkway Crop Team:

Mike and Gerry Rogers, Pam Manning, Sue Moellering

# PUCC Prayer List

as of September 16

## Celebrations

**A unique school year.**

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

**The momentum toward justice and equity.**

Our deepening relationship with **Harper Hybrid** Elementary School!

## Concerns

**Lynn and Mark Sableman** - remembering/celebrating her mother.

**John and Carol Russell** - grieving/giving thanks for his mother.

**Joe Runtz** - healing from pneumonia.

**Karen Boyd** - recovering from successful orthopedic surgery on both legs to help in management of her cancer.

**Cherie Stolze and Family** - as her father deals with kidney disease.

**The Family of Lela Kolbe** - grieving and giving thanks for her.

**The Family of Rev Lloyd Hackbarth** - celebrating his life (Luedloff).

**The Family of Rev David Lyon** - remembering him fondly (Engel).

**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](mailto: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 affected by storms, fires yesterday/today/tomorrow.**

## Continuing

**Polly Rutherford** - healing from her successful back surgery.

**Michael Ruzicka** - recuperating at home after recent surgery.

**Naomi and Joe Runtz** - as she recuperates from knee replacement.

**Tim Ruiz** - recuperating well from recent back surgery (John's brother).

**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 Wilcoxon** - 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** and pending big brothers Henry, Oscar and Felix.

**Doug & Adriana Scherrer** - baby boy in early October. Grandparents Betty and Richard are ecstatic!!

## **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** - *Garden View*; 13612 Big Bend Rd, Room #2407; Valley Park, MO 63088; 636-923-8693. Now Charlotte can walk from *Cape Albeon* to visit with him at his window. [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 September 20 - St Mark UCC, Arnold; [stmarkucc.org](http://stmarkucc.org)

Week ending September 27 – St Louis Association; [missourimidsouth.org/st-louis-association](http://missourimidsouth.org/st-louis-association)

*I would like to thank the Parkway community for the many thoughts, prayers and get-well cards for healing after my back surgery. Very much appreciated! I am getting better and have less pain now, so feel the surgery was successful! ~Polly Rutherford.*

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday *after* Pentecost

September 20, 2020

## Tensions in the Wilderness

Exodus 16:2-15

*Just Peace Sunday*

In a congregational meeting, during which the congregation was discerning about becoming a Just Peace congregation, someone once asked, “How can we say we are *just* for peace? We are for so much more than that.”

Just Peace as a designation does not mean that a congregation is merely “for peace.” It means that the congregation understands that Justice and Peace are inevitably bound together - so closely entwined that it is impossible to separate them.

Peace and justice both require careful tending and loving attention. As the scripture reading this morning reminds us, peace is easily lost. The people grumble among themselves and with their leaders. But they are not just grumbling out of dissatisfaction or irritability. They are grumbling because they are hungry. The peace issue (conflict among the people) cannot be addressed until the justice issue (people need enough to eat) is met. Justice and Peace, hand in hand, are then able to move forward into the wilderness.

The Just Peace website, ([https://www.ucc.org/justice\\_just-peace](https://www.ucc.org/justice_just-peace)) states, “Justice and Witness Ministries is committed to a revitalized Just Peace Church movement and to empowering and resourcing congregations to create a stronger justice and peace witness. Now is the time to rekindle our commitment to Just Peace and make visible our longstanding witness to this approach...Does your church consider itself to be a Just Peace congregation? What is your church doing to live out its calling to be a Just Peace Church? What does it mean to be a Just Peace Church in times like these? I hope you will take the time to update your church’s information on our site and offer your responses to these questions. Your energy and voice is needed to reinvigorate and shape the direction of our collective movement.”

If your congregation is not a Just Peace Church, maybe now is the time to begin a conversation about this important movement for merging justice and peace to be about the creation of God’s reign here on earth.