

*There's a season for everything.*

Sunday, September 27, 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 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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## Birthdays

9/27	BOWMAN, Lilly	9/29	YAKEL, Doug
9/28	YESS, Wyatt	10/1	FRAZIER, Rebecca
9/28	WEAS, Kim	10/1	PICKETT, Lincoln
9/29	RUTHERFORD, Mike	10/2	CONNORS, Dan
9/29	DUKE, Lisa	10/3	HILGEMAN, Kathy

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

September 27, 2020 | 10:00am

## **Meditation** *The Cycles of Nature*

Interwoven web of life holding as one stream and song,  
sineu and silence. How I delight in you and you in me.  
You are the universal face of God, the touch of true divinity,  
the infusion and expansion, the beyond and the within,  
the growing and the dying, the separation and the merging.  
In you the threads are woven, the sea surges, the sun shines  
and the earth nurtures. alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**Welcome!** Let us know you are here!

## **Scripture** John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

## **Prelude** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*—arr. Jason Tonioli

Arranger's Note: This is a song of hope for deliverance from difficult times.

## **Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell**

## **Welcome Song** *Day by Day*

Day by day, day by day,

O, dear Lord, three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

follow thee more nearly, day by day...

## **Scripture** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens:  
a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing, a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones, a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces, a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for tearing and a time for repairing, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking, a time for loving and a time for hating, a time for war and a time for peace.

## Call to Worship

### Opening Prayer

#### Response *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!* v1-2



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

#### **Blessing the Children** *Be Near Me, Lord Jesus*

Tune: *Away in A Manger*

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And teach us, dear Jesus, to laugh and to share.**

## **Advent & Christmas Scripture**

Luke 1:26-27

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## **Piano Response**

### **Epiphany Scripture** Matthew 2:1-2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

## **Piano Response**

### **Holy Week and Easter Scripture**

Luke 22:34

Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Mark 16:1-4

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

John 20:19

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

## **Piano Response**

## **Pentecost Scripture** Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

## **Piano Response**

### **Ordinary Time Scripture**

2Timothy 4:2-7

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2Timothy 4:21

Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

## **Piano Response**

### **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.]

### **Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*—Healey Willan

**Response** *Thank God*

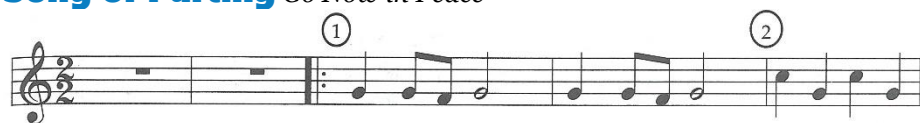
**Thank God, thank God.**

**Thanks in the morning, thanks in the noontime.**

**Thank God, thank God, thanks when the sun goes down.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## Song of Parting *Go Now in Peace*



Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of



God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

## Benediction

### God's Light Goes Forth

John 1:1-5 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Postlude** *Ebenezer/Ton-y-Botl (Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us)*

# Announcements

## TODAY! Parkway Speaker Series at 11:15am

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

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.

Find it on our Speaker Series playlist on YouTube:

<https://tinyurl.com/PUCC-speakerseries>

## 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 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.

It went 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>

All proceeds 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@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com) or phone 314-494-8979 with questions or to sign up to walk together.

## St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk

Sunday, October 25

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 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 23

## Celebrations

**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!  
**Emma Landowski & Nicholas Sancomb** - married on September 4!  
**Covid-19 Memorial** at PUCC - thanks to Nathaniel Doty's Eagle Project

## Concerns

**Jan Shippee** and sons Ken and Evan as they grieve and give thanks for David...See obituary here: <https://www.czboyer.com/obituary/david-shippee>

**Cherie Stolze** - hospitalized; may be discharged to rehab center this week.

**Pat Owens** - strengthening at home after knee replacement surgery.

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

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

**Joe Runtz** - healing from pneumonia; home from the hospital.

**Cherie & Mike Stolze** - as her father deals with kidney disease.

**Rick & Kathy Hasler** - as his mother has been ill.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## **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 27 - St Louis Association;

<https://www.missourimidsouth.org/st-louis-association>

Week ending October 4 - St Martins UCC, Dittmer; [smartinsuccdittmer.com](http://smartinsuccdittmer.com)

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## God's Sustaining Presence

Exodus 17:1-7

*American Indian Ministry Sunday*

*United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday*

Holy God,

Thank You for Your sustaining presence above, below, before, behind and within us.

Sometimes we cry out in suffering.

We are thirsty, we are grieving, we are lost.

We struggle to find You.

Hear us when we cry, we pray.

Sustain us with like a cool spring of water  
appearing unexpectedly in a dry desert.

Other times we are in the flow of things.

We are moving, we are creative, we know right where we are.

We know right where You are too.

See us as we progress, we pray.

Sustain us like a burbling and flowing river  
moving with swift clarity on its own beautiful path.

And, then, there are those times when we are stopped in awe.

We are struck by Your power and majesty; we recognize how small we are.

We feel how grand You are.

Touch us with sand and salt, we pray.

Sustain us like a mighty ocean  
taking our breath and then giving back, over and over.

Water in the Desert,

Flowing River,

Mighty Ocean,

Three in One,

One in Three,

Sustain us, we pray.

Amen.