World Communion Sunday







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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

10/6 SCHULENBURG, Bill & Suzy (41)

Birthdays

10/4	CAMERON, Iris	10/9	HASLER, Evan
10/6	DEGROOTE, Steve	10/9	MCKENZIE, Kristine
10/6	RUTHERFORD, Alicia	10/9	RUZICKA, Michael
10/7	LYONS, Brad	10/10	MUCHNICK, Melanie
10/8	BIEST, Scott	10/10	PEEK, David
10/8	SPERRY, Brenda	10/10	SCHULENBURG, Bill
10/9	HASLER, Daniel	9/30	Pam Manning (apologies!)

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020 | 10:00am

Meditation And the Table Will Be Wide—Jan Richardson And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our hearts will open wide to receive. And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will come unhindered and free. And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine. And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will give up our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of delight. And we will become bread for a hungering world. And we will become drink for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

Welcoming the Spirit Spirit of the Living God

Let us know you are here in the Chat!

On this World Communion Sunday, travel the world with us as we experience music, prayers and poetry from Canada, Japan, Argentina, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Spain, New Guinea, Great Britain, the Caribbean, Ghana, the Dakota Tribe of Native America, Korea, Puerto Rico, Israel, Ballwin and the World Council of Churches.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me! Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Passing the Peace of Christ

"May the peace of Christ be with you." (We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Prelude from Japan Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand; looking toward our Savior's face, joined in love we stand. As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray: Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands, yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands. Even in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth: Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease. Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace? Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife: Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life. Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love; Help us as we work and pray, send us from above Truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife: Jesus, Master be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

Lighting of the Candles *Prayer of an African Girl* O Great Chief, light a candle within my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from your dwelling place.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song from Cleveland You Are Welcome Here



Opening Prayer from the World Council of Churches

God's Love for All People

Eternal God whose image lies in the hearts of all people, we live among peoples whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths are foreign to us, whose tongues are unintelligible to us.

Help us to remember that you love all people with your great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to you, that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to you.

Help us to recognize you in the words of truth, the things of beauty, the actions of love about us.

We pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another. Amen.

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17 [New Revised Standard] Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Blessing the Children Jesus Loves the Little Children Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

A Statement of Faith from Canada

United Church of Canada Statement of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Mission Moment CROP Walk

Invitation to Generosity

Medley from South Africa, Asia & America

Siyahamba—South Africa *Many and Great Are Your Works*—The Dakota Tribe of Native America *With the Wings of Our Mind*—Korea

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 from India Be God's Kindness

Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.

In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.

To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile—

Give them not only your care, but also your heart.

~Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 20th century missionary to the poor

Reflections

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.

Communion Song from Ghana

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Call to Prayer from New Guinea

Gracious God, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer from New Zealand

The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing the Bread and Wine from Spain

Sheaves of Summer Una es piga dorado por el sol, el racimo que corta el viñador Compartimos ahorra en pan y vino de amor: Que son cuerpo y sangre del señor

Sheaves of summer turned golden by the sun, grapes in bunches cut down when ripe and red, are converted into the bread and wine of God's love in the body and blood of our dear Lord.

Compartimos la misma comunión, somos trigo del mismo sembrador, un molino, la vida nos tritura con dolor, Dios nos hace pueblo nuevo en el amor.

We are sharing in the same communion meal; We are wheat by the same great Sower sown; Like a millstone life grinds us down with sorrow and pain, But God makes us new people bound by love.

Como granos que han hecho el mismo pan como notas que tejen un cantar, como gotas de agua que se funden en el mar los cristianos un cuerpo formarán.

Like the grains which become one same whole loaf, Like the notes that are woven into song, Like the droplets of water that are blended in the sea, We, as Christians, one body shall become.

A la mesa de Dios se sentarán, como iglasia, su pan compartirán, una misma esperanza caminando, cantarán, en la vida hermanos se amarán. At God's table together we shall sit. As God's children, Christ's body we will share.

One same hope we will sing together as we walk along. Brothers, sisters, in life, in love we'll be.

Words of Thanksgiving from Argentina & Ballwin

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Keep a prayer within your heart throughout the day. Hope is always there for those who trust the Lord. Give your time and comfort in a simple way. Call for justice, hope will surely be restored.

Giving, use our gifts with love, helping, for the ones in need, striving, for equality. Justice, when the need demands. Amen.



Benedictions from Great Britain

Wales-Go slowly and go far.

Ireland—May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, this day and evermore.

England—May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power to fill the world with her justice.

Scotland—May God open the eyes of the nations and peoples so that we may walk in the light of love: remove the ignorance and the stubbornness of nations and peoples so that we may drink from the fountains of goodness. Amen.

God's Light Goes Forth into the World

Music for Going Forth from the Caribbean



Today's **World Communion Sunday Welcome** is an echo of the multilingual greeting we offered in May for **Pentecost**.

 Peggy and Mike Mohl; 2. Ousseynou Diakite; 3. Cindy Wessel; 4. Iris Cameron;
 Eduard de Vries; 6. Sarah Machado; 7. Ousseynou Diakite; 8. Eduard and Laurent de Vries; 9. Evelyn Buretta; 10. Sarah Machado; 11. Stephanie Polster

What languages did they share?

1. English, German, Norwegian; 2. French; 3. Tagalog; 4. Spanish;

5. German; 6. Italian; 7. Bambara; 8. Dutch; 9. Vietnamese; 10. Portuguese; 11. German... several people speaking German as a way to honor our

heritage.

Announcements

World Fellowship Time

Today | 11:15am | via ZOOM Join us for some great conversation/connection

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83957638685?pwd=YStyQlpCRzdZRzAvZHozVHc3eDJ 2QT09

Meeting ID: 839 5763 8685 | Passcode: 451558 | Phone: (312) 626 6799

Next Week: Parkway Speaker Series

My PhD Journey: How it Unfolded and What I Learned—Dr. Jo Grove

October 11 | 11:15am | via Zoom (our regular Speaker Series Zoom) Parkway member, Dr. Grove will present on her dissertation, which studied the challenges and experiences of blind and visually impaired students as they navigated their time in college.

ZOOM link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWhOc k9JQT09

Meeting ID: 848 9858 1439 | Passcode: 256973 | Phone: (312) 626 6799

Tuesday Evening Dialogue beginning October 13

Oct 13, 2020 | 7:00pm | via Zoom

The next TED book is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. This is a tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. Pulitzer Prize winner 2004. Please read up to page 63 for our first session with *Gilead*. You can get the book on your device, through the library or the bookstore of your choice.

Zoom Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89263841824?pwd=elVDSVVUMHZZeStLZIBLeEZjWVB VZz09

Meeting ID: 892 6384 1824 | Passcode: Book Club Phone: (312) 626 6799 US | Passcode: 410992587

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 | 314-607-2841

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 | 314-607-2841

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 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

Walk to End Alzheimer's October 24 | 10:00am

While we aren't having a large in-person gathering downtown this year, we will walk as a team while others in our community do the same. This year, Walk to End Alzheimer's® is everywhere: on every sidewalk, track and trail. The virtual opening and Promise Garden Ceremony is at 9:00 AM.

Watch this at home:

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServerpagenam e%3Dwalk_mainstage%26mainstageLink%3DMissouri/n588763&sa=D&sour ce=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1gaFU_tzkn5mQv-dMAGYWF

Then meet at Parkway at 10:00am to walk with masks and socially distant. We will walk on sidewalks from church to Clayton Road and down Clayton Road to about Principia and back for our 3 mile walk.

Make donations at;

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https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=619694&pg=team&fr_id=13574
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If you have questions, contact Joyce Ruiz @ Joyceruiz7@gmail.com or by phone @314-494-8979.

World Communion Sunday What is the capital city?

Argentina Bangladesh Cambodia Djibouti Estonia Finland Gambia Honduras Iceland Jamaica Kyrgyzstan Laos Mali Nepal Oman Peru Oatar Rwanda Suriname Trinidad and Tobago Uruguay Venezuela W – There are no recognized sovereign states that start with the letter W X – No X countries either... which three letters have only one country? Yemen Zambia

PUCC Prayer List as of September 30

Celebrations

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

Concerns

Judy Toombs and family as they grieve the sudden death of Gene. ** https://www.osfuneralhomes.com/obituary/eugene-gene-toombs-iii Visitation Sunday 4-8pm at Ortmann Stipanovich; Funeral private. Jan Shippee and sons Ken & Evan as they grieve/give thanks for Dave. https://www.czboyer.com/obituary/david-shippee Their home address: 9428 Sunset Point Drive, Bonne Terre, MO 63628. **Cherie Stolze** - strengthening in a rehab ctr after a week in the hospital. Pat Owens - strengthening at home after knee replacement surgery. Mary Kay McKenzie - back at Veronica House after fall (Tom's sister). 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 affected by storms, fires vesterday/today/tomorrow.

Continuing

Lynn and Mark Sableman - remembering/celebrating her mother. John and Carol Russell - grieving/giving thanks for his mother https://www.betzerfuneral.com/obituary/jane-russell Cherie & Mike Stolze - as her father deals with kidney disease. Rick & Kathy Hasler - as his mother has been ill. 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 Wilcoxen - 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

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On the occasion of one million deaths from Covid-19

by Maren Tirabassi

"I am sorry for your loss"

These are the words that are never enough and do not pretend to understand – a verbal fingertip of tenderness today offered to the world.

World, we are sorry for your loss of a million smiles, and a million memories, and a million hopes for the future.

We are sorry for your loss of stories that will never be told, flowers never planted, friends never made, extraordinary gifts and simple kindnesses that will not be received, meals not shared; hugs not held.

We are sorry for our own loss of a million people whom we will never meet, with whom we will not laugh or cry, work or play, argue or kiss,

and so many families and friends

to whom we will never be able to offer our awkward words and our inadequate but holy love.

18th Sunday *after* **Pentecost**

October 4, 2020

Wisdom for the Way

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Neighbors in Need Offering | World Communion Sunday

Why ten commandments? Why not eleven or thirty-nine or a hundred? Some scholars have speculated that there were ten because, even if the devout could not take the heavy stone tablets with them, they would always have their fingers. As long as one can count all one's fingers, the thinking goes, you could remember all the commandments. But why remember them anyway, if you can just look them up? Memorizing, or learning a text by heart, is a way to take it deep within. In this case, we memorize the commandments to take their messages of radical connection with God and others into our lives.

Brian Sirchio, ordained United Church of Christ pastor and beloved church musician and composer, believes that an even better way to memorize the commandments than counting on one's fingers is to set them to music. As his song *Live the 10* demonstrates through music, the commandments aren't just words to be learned, but ways for living that are more deeply understood as they are more deeply known and practiced.

In the 20th chapter of Exodus, it's plain what God expects of us It says 1—no other gods; 2—no graven image; 3—don't take God's name in vain;

4—honor the Sabbath; 5—honor your parents; 6—thou shalt not kill; 7—no adultery; 8—thou shalt not steal; 9—don't bear false witness; 10—thou shalt not covet...

Now check this out...now remember right off there's only one Lord, And I didn't say two and I didn't say four and whatever you do you don't bow down before anything you make with your hands. And when you smack your thumb hard with a hammer someday don't get all mad and shout out God's name, 'cause God's not to blame for your lousy aim and that's right—that's right! And remember the Sabbath, or whatever you call it, that means pray and rest—don't be a playaholic—and you love mom and dad even when they're not wise and don't ever kill (does that go for flies? Hey that's a good question man.) And when you marry someday don't you be a cheat, and don't you ever steal, and don't lie through your teeth, and don't want the things that your friend's got so bad you'd take it if you could...

You can learn Bryan Sirchio's song about the Ten Commandments, and other scriptures worth knowing by heart by checking out his music on his website <u>http://www.sirchio.com/</u>.