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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

- 11/01 DEGROOTE, Steve & Joan (34)
- 11/04 SCHERRER, Richard & Betty (47)

## **Birthdays**

11/02 BARNES, Steven		11/04	NGUYEN, Pauline
11/02	WAITE, Oscar	11/05	ROSENBERGER, Cassie
11/03	BOWERMASTER, Tod	11/06	BARNES, Andrea

## **All Saints Sunday**

November 1, 2020 | 10:00am in the Historic Sanctuary

## **Meditation**

The creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise, to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant. ~St. Anthony of Padua

Welcome Let us know you are here!

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude and Welcome Song Morning Has Broken

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the word

### Scripture Psalm 34:1-10 (MSG - The Message)

I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with praise.

I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:

Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

God met me more than halfway, and freed me from my anxious fears.

Look to God; give God your warmest smile.

Never hide your feelings from God. When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.

God's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray.

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good God is. Blessed are you who run to God.

Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all God's goodness. Young lions on the prowl get hungry, but God-seekers are full of God.

## **Call to Worship**

	worship					
One:	Come to the table as all saints come, as God's people always do, with love, fear, hope, joy, questions, doubts $-$					
Many:	Bricks without straw? fiery furnace? no-wine? five-loaves? Who's going to wash the Passover feet?					
One:	Come to the table with your mourning—old or new or delayed— and your celebration of memories, and your imagination of possibilities for times yet to come,					
Many:	because here you are welcome, in a weeping, laughing communion of saints, in a weeping, laughing communion of us.					
One:	There is a sacred story that goes way back, older than ancestors, older than anything here, to wind blowing over waters.					
Many:	God's love was in a garden, and a flood-drenched rainbow. God's love was in a desert tent, barley fields for gleaning, a slingshot, a mythically big fish and a new-thing led way in the wilderness.					
One:	There is a sacred story that goes back to a mother in a barn, a foster father and sky fully distanced angels. We love stories, especially this one of the baby named Jesus, loved by a cow, three magi, and many shepherds, who grew up, healed people, told awkward parables, and made people angry.					
Many:	At Passover he broke unleavened bread, and poured wine and himself—for saints who slept when he needed friends. But the Shelter-in-every-place of Love gave that time full of death a hope of waking to Resurrection and an Emmaus of self-understanding.					
All:	And so now we come, clothed in our own sad times, and our cloud of witnesses to hope—with all the saints we have known, the saints we will know, and the saints we are. Let us worship Creator, Christ and Spirit now.					

**Song** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who was, and is, and evermore shall be. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Opening Prayer**

Holy One, all that we have comes from you. Physically distanced, we gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in love and commitment, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to welcome others and to listen to others as we share the eternal feast. Hear the gratitude we offer, work in us and through us. We lean into the Spirit that unites us all, today and for ever more. Amen.

**Response** Spirit of the Living God

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.

Spirit of the living God move among us all; Spirit of the living God make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing— Spirit of the living God fill our lives with love!

**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.

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

*I Will Sing of Your Love Love*—Christopher Grundy I will sing of your love, love, love; of your steadfast love for as long as I live and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live.

I will sing of a love so wide that it welcomes the neighbor and will not divide and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live. I will sing, "Let the children come. Do not hinder them," for you love every one, and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live.

I will sing of the trees so tall of the oceans so deep and your love for them all and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live.

Descant: Your love is stronger than the mountains; soaks through me like the pouring rain. It's no wonder that I'm answering your call. Whenever someone needs a neighbor and wherever there's a child in pain we'll be working on a just world for all.

### Stewardship Moment George Lestina

## **Offering Interlude**

#### 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 Laura Loving

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people—courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time—with our words and our actions. Amen.

**Scripture** Ephesians 1:11–23 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version) In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the expression of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious

inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when Jesus was raised from the dead and seated at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### Sermon All Around Us

**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** For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to God, the Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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.]

## **Breaking Bread** & Pouring Wine

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, though this meal seems small and simple, it is jampacked with compassion, healing, hope. May we walk in its grace. May its time released nudges lead us to one another. Amen.

### Song of Parting I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



#### **Benediction**

#### **God's Light Goes Forth**

#### **Music for Going Forth**

When the Saints Go Marchin' In–James Milton Black (1856-1938)

#### Announcements

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## Parkway Speaker Series: Sailing the Inland Seas and the Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Sunday, November 8 and 15 | 11:15 am | via Zoom

While a college student, Parkway member John Dwyer worked in the summers as a merchant seaman on Great Lakes "ore boats." This included a summer on the Edmund Fitzgerald, which on November 10, 1975 was lost with all hands during a ferocious storm on Lake Superior. On November 8th, John will talk about his experiences on the "ore boats," and on November 15th he will tell the story of the storm that took down the "Fitz," the disappearance, and the efforts to solve the mystery of the sinking.

#### Join with video:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWhOc k9JQT09 Join by phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 848 9858 1439 Passcode: 256973

## Circle of Concern Thanksgiving Baskets due Nov 15

In light of Covid, we are streamlining our Thanksgiving Basket program to give holiday foods to 750 families in the month leading up to Thanksgiving. Circle will be providing a frozen turkey and pie, a gift card to Aldi's and many cans of vegetables. We are asking for churches to help provide the contents for a box containing Thanksgiving staples.

Parkway UCC will hopefully provide 100 of each of the following items by November 15. Joe and I will then pack the boxes and transport them to Circle for distribution.

Each box will contain:

can of pumpkinstuffing mixcorn bread mixcanned fruitjar of turkey gravycan of cranberry sauce32oz. box of chicken or vegetable broth

It would be ideal if each bag donated would contain all 7 items so we end up with equal amounts. If you cannot provide that, please drop off what you can.

We are so grateful.

Please leave your donations between the sets of front doors, under the table with the sign that says Circle of Concern Thanksgiving Baskets.

Thank you in advance for your help, Parkway family. Take good care!

~Lana Biondo - Recent Past President of the Board at Circle of Concern

## Join Us for Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays beginning 11/17 | 2:00-3:00pm | via ZOOM TED has a new sibling! Introducing TAD, Tuesday afternoon Dialogue, a Zoom book discussion group. Everyone is welcome. We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, starting November 17th. The book we have selected is Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott. This book is an exploration of hope and the place it holds in our lives. Copies are available through local bookstores, Amazon, and local libraries. On our first meeting we will discuss the Prelude and the first two chapters. We look forward to this new adventure, and hope to see you on Zoom. Questions or comments? Please contact Gerry Rogers or Jackie Eiffert. gcr123055@gmail.com, jeiffert2@gmail.com

#### All Saints Day Poem Maia Twedt

This week marks the 24th anniversary of the birth of my firstborn, Gabriella Peace, who was stillborn but is part of my family and ever part of my life. In Gabriella's honor - and in honor of others who have died - I share this poem I wrote for All Saint's Day.

Ye who have gone before, Ye stillborn baby, Ye stalwart soldier, Ye slave who never made it off the ship, And ye who labored long years in the field.

Ye who have gone before, Ancestor, ship captain in Norway, Pioneer in the prairie, Single mother in the housing project, Young child in the forest tribe,

All welcome ye on this feast day of the saints, Where veil becomes thin between Living and dead, and Today more than ever we hear Your voice, echo from the past Sounding through these times Generations forward, blood Coursing through my veins Just as it did the very same Through yours.

And together we become each other's bones and sinew Flesh as one body, one earth, one soul On this day that unites the living with the dead.

... You can find Maia on her website maiatwedt.org She posts a monthly spiritual sharing blog.



## **Beloved, Love your Neighbor.**

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." - Margaret Mead

oven throughout the entire Bible, there are stories that compel us over and over to Love our Neighbor. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that the greatest commandment of all is "Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." To this, Jesus added a second, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-38)

Founded in 1976, San Lucas United Church of Christ, located in the Humboldt Park community of Chicago, is a small church with a big heart. Representing a multi-lingual, multi-cultural and intergenerational community, the congregation embodies "Loving their Neighbor." Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagan-Banks, members and volunteers have created a committed team. Amid hunger, homelessness, violence, and economic challenges, exacerbated by gentrification, this team offers a presence of hope. San Lucas UCC's community meal is an excellent example of one of the offerings presented to the community. Every Tuesday, volunteers from Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs, serve over 100 hot meals to



to those in need. No one is turned away. Carmen Flores-Rance, lay leader and longtime member, stated, "We do Church here every day, we serve the people of the community here every day – not just on Sunday. That's what makes San Lucas such a special place." This humble, Humboldt Park church, boldly and fearlessly, lives into God's commandment to Love thy neighbor. Philanthropist Charlotte Lunsford Berry reminds us, "We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and you act." So, let us act so that "They'll know we are Christians by our love" as the hymn goes, and may we be known by our acts in love of neighbor.

As you reflect on the stewardship of resources and sharing provisions to create a just world for all, I invite you to consider how you Love your neighbor through your church community. Who is your neighbor? A single parent, refugee, or elder? Someone across the street or town, or in the pew next to you? Beloved, Love your neighbor.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly income	2%	4%	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	<u>38.00</u>	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

#### WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS (Rounded to the nearest dollar)



## PUCC Prayer List as of October 28

### **Celebrations**

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

#### Concerns

Karen and Bob Boyd - as difficult decisions are made with her doctors.
Bill Haack and family - grieving/giving thanks for his father.
Brad Lyons - recovering from Tuesday's abdominal surgery.
Sally Boughman - recuperating at Surrey Place after hip replacement.
Roxanne de Vries - healing after surgery to repair badly broken finger.
Nate Goldstein and Family - preparing for his upcoming surgery.
Rutherford Family - as Polly's 93 yr old mother Bea Dot has Covid-19.
Burt – rehab facility for a couple of weeks (Mona Herberg's brother).
The Geiger Family.

**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 yesterday/today/tomorrow. The Election.

## Continuing

Judy Toombs and family as they grieve the sudden death of Gene. Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease. Nelson Spencer - very serious heart condition (Ellie Svenson). Blake - recent cancer diagnosis (Greg Schmelig).

**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.

## 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 Memory Care Division #1001; 15250 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**

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 November 1 - St. Peters UCC, Ferguson; stpeterschurch.org Week ending November 8 - St. Philip's UCC, St. Louis; stphilipsucc.com

Love God, serve God; everything is in that. - St. Clare of Assisi

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle. - St. Francis of Assisi

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. - St. Mother Teresa

Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry. - Padre Pio

Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you. - St. Augustine



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## **Partners in Service**

Matthew 23:1-12 All Saints Day

Today in many of our churches, we celebrate the service of communion, and we gather around the common table.

This table is the table of anticipation. As we gather here, we look ahead in joyful hope and exultant expectation of the day to come, when all God's people gather around the table of justice. By coming together around this table, we express our yearning to be a part of that kingdom by our deeds, words and thoughts.

This table is the table of celebration. As we gather here, we are aware that around the world, on this day and in just this way, we gather with siblings, brothers and sisters in the faith who gather around a table just like this one. By coming together around this table, we express our desire to become one with all who follow Christ.

This table is the table of remembrance. As we gather here, we look backwards in time, and we glimpse Christ, gathered around a table like this one with his friends and chosen family. By coming together around this table, we express our willingness to follow Christ in all things. And above all things, he asked us to remember him when we ate and drank as we do here today.

As we anticipate, celebrate and remember on this All Saints Day, we also call to mind all those who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the past year. It has been a year of great losses for many of us, and as we call to mind those we have lost, we give thanks for their lives here.

Come from the east and the west, the north and south, Come from among the living and the dead, Come from the future and the past and this sacred precious moment, Come and gather at this table. Come, for all things are made ready.