

*Love as wide
as the sky...*



PARKWAY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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.

Subscribe to our email lists: Text your email address to 22828 or sign up at www.parkwayucc.org

Communications Requests: Please use the form at www.parkwayucc.org/communications for all announcements for the bulletin/eNews/website/social media/etc. Bulletin and eNews communications request deadline is noon Monday. Bulletin announcements will generally be run for three weeks prior to the event. However, all announcements will be posted via our various publications as fits in our communications strategy and as resources permit.

Pledge Campaign for our Mission & Ministry 2021

We are still accepting pledges: <https://parkwayucc.org/giving/pledge/>

Thank you for your continuing support of Parkway United Church of Christ.

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Anniversaries

1/26 SABLEMAN, Mark & Lynn (36)

1/28 SCALION, Karen & Mike (14)

Birthdays

1/24 RISTAU, Evan

1/27 DOTY, Grant

1/24 SCHRENKER, Cheryl

1/29 DIESTELHORST, Vickey

1/26 BURETTA, Evelyn

3rd Week after Epiphany

Sunday, January 24, 2021 | 10:00am | Facebook Live

Meditation *Love is what God is, love is why Jesus came, and love is why he continues to come, year after year to person after person... May you experience this vast, expansive, infinity indestructible love that has been yours all along. May you discover that this love is as wide as the sky and as small as the cracks in your heart no one else knows about, and may you know, deep in your bones, that love wins. ~Rob Bell*

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.)

Prelude *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Based on an African-American Spiritual (*Sojourner*)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*—Hal H. Hopson

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And God’s righteousness,

And all these things will be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

Seek and ye shall find,

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture John 1:43-51 (CEB—Common English Bible)

The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip.

Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph’s son, from Nazareth.”

Nathanael responded, “Can anything from Nazareth be good?”

Philip said, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

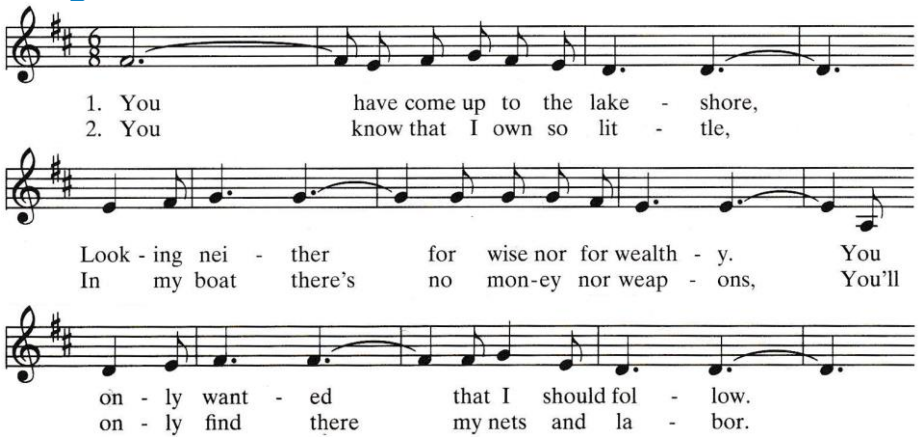
Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s Son. You are the king of Israel.”

Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One.”

Call to Worship

One:	God called Moses, Ruth, Jonah and Lydia.
Many:	Jesus called Martha, Simon, Mary and Andrew.
One:	The Spirit called the people from different languages, cultures, traditions.
Many:	God calls each one of us now.
One:	We listen and ignore. We follow and deflect. We turn toward the call and we walk away.
Many:	Fortunately for us, God is patient and kind. God knows us by name. God whispers and shouts so we can hear.
One:	Come now before God as one who has been called.
Many:	We are grateful that our God is consistent and persistent. God needs us to participate in the shaping and reshaping of beloved community.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Song Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



1. You have come up to the lake - shore,
2. You know that I own so lit - tle,

Look - ing nei - ther for wise nor for wealth - y. You
In my boat there's no mon - ey nor weap - ons, You'll

on - ly want - ed that I should fol - low.
on - ly find there my nets and la - bor.

Refrain

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And, while smiling, have called out my name.
Now my boat's left on the shore-line behind me.
Now with You I will seek other seas.

3. You need the caring of my hands.
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving.
Refrain

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me.
Refrain

Opening Prayer Jean Crane

Our Creator who dwells within—All in all, in you I live and move and have my being. Wholeness is your name—Your Kindom is here and now. Give us this day our daily bread—and help us let go of all grievances—as we extend our love to others. Lead us not into illusions of separation—as you help us transcend our ego thoughts. Surround us with your healing light—for you are eternal truth and love. Forever. Amen.

Response *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, v1*

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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

Blessing the Children *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, v1*

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Scripture Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *You Are Mine*



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —
2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —
3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —
4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —
am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. —
come and rest in
all will know my
up, now walk, and

2-4 *Refrain*

me. _____
 name. _____
 live! _____

Do not be a - fraid, I am

with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine. _____

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.]

Song *Here I Am, Lord*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

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

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain Unison

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
 heard You call-ing in the night I will
 go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your
 peo - ple in my heart.

Fine

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Interlude

Come and Follow—Don Francisco, arr. by Aidan McCarter
 Offered by the Parkway UCC Singers

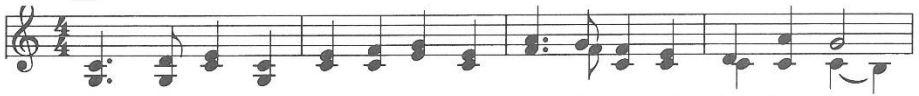
Response *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, v1*

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Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, again and again you call us—to belong to one another, to serve one another, to listen, learn and love together. We thank you that your call is often clear, bold, assertive. We are also grateful that your call can come in a nudge, a gentle breeze, a tiny stirring deep within. Help us heighten all of our senses so that we can receive your call however it comes – throughout the day and night. Encourage us to find ways to share our call and response with others. Amen.

Song of Parting *In the Midst of New Dimensions*



- 1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
4 We are one and we are man - y all per-sua-sions, old and young,
5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,



- Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



- God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your



- peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Benediction

God's Light Goes Forth

Music for Going Forth *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

Based on the hymn tune *Ellers* by Edward John Hopkins, 1869

Announcements

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Speaker Series Budget Forum—Q & A

It's that time of year again! Our annual budget meeting will be held via Zoom next Sunday, January 31 following the worship service.

There will be a budget forum on Zoom during the Adult Education Speaker Series time today, January 24 at 11:15am. This is your chance to ask questions and get some clarification of the 2021 budget, prior to the Budget Meeting. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

– Amy Yakel, Stewardship

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWhOck9JQT09>

Join by phone: 312 626 6799 | **Meeting ID:** 848 9858 1439 | **Passcode:** 256973

AWOL (Adventurous Women Out Late) Komen Virtual Trivia Night

Sat, Jan 30 | 7:00-10:00pm | Online details to be sent to participants
Join Cassie Rosenberger's team for a fun Virtual Trivia Night with your PUCC friends! Contact Carmen Bumgarner for more info: cbum@charter.net

Tuesday Evening Dialogue: *This I Believe* (1/26)

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7:00pm | via Zoom

Please join us for some fun and inspiring discussion of the book *This I Believe* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. Volume 1.

Based on the NPR series of the same name, it features 80 short essays. Some were written by famous people and other essays were written by lesser known folks. These essays may bring us moments to reflect and rethink not only how we have arrived at our own personal beliefs but also the extent to which we share them with others.

Four our second session on January 26 we will cover pages 90 through 180.

Contact Helen Race: raceh@att.net

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5057214679?pwd=czdKUGZGZ1NrTnlKa2d1RnRUNHdpUT09>

Meeting ID: 505 721 4679 | **Passcode:** Book Club

Phone: (312) 626 6799 US | **Passcode:** 07621972

Month of Grace + Prayer

February 21 through March 21, 2021 in Town and Country
Month of Grace + Prayer co-hosted by Dayspring Baptist Church and Parkway United Church of Christ. All meetings virtual (Zoom). Any adult is welcome to participate regardless of church affiliation or denomination.

Group Opening Session: February 21 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Group Closing Session: March 21 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Private meetings with spiritual companions (one hour each) occur once each week via Zoom (or phone at the participant's preference) any time of the week that is mutually agreed between the spiritual companion and the participant.

Registration: Contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com. Registration encouraged by February 16. A Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

Share the Costs: There is no registration fee, but participants are invited to share the costs of the retreat as they are able. Regarding offering amount, the average cost for each retreatant is about \$20, some retreatants contribute less and some contribute more. Offerings are accepted once the retreat has begun.

<http://www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org/>

The Inward Experience—A Virtual Retreat

Saturday, February 27 | 9am – 3pm | Zoom link provided upon registration
Participate in an interactive online self-care process. We will meet online and the event will be limited to 16 people with much of the work being done in cohorts of four people. Our format will be based on unpacking several Core Questions and these questions will be connected to this particular season of our lives which will include the challenges of COVID, the stress of social distancing, and the darkness that often comes with winter. This is a highly reflective and interactive process. If you need to do some inner personal work in the context of a community this may be the event for you!

The details and registration information can be found here:
<https://www.mollygrisham.com/events/virtualwinterretreat>

PUCC would like to pay your \$99 event fee so please let Kevin know if you are interested: kevin@parkwayucc.org

Questions? Email Molly Grisham: molly@mollygrisham.com

Support Circle of Concern from Home

Many of you are doing more shopping on Amazon as you are staying home so much these days/weeks/months. You can automatically donate a small amount with each purchase by using AMAZON SMILE when you shop. Just go to your Amazon account and sign up for AMAZON SMILE. Select CIRCLE OF CONCERN, Valley Park, MO. as your charity. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Questions? Contact Peggy Sieber pjsieber@yahoo.com



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- MAR. 2 FINDING A MATE
- MAR. 9 ASKING FOR HELP
- MAR. 16 HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS
- MAR. 23 HOSPITALITY
- MAR. 30 FORGIVING A FRIEND

register at: <https://bit.ly/2lwmgIA>

Prayer List

as of January 20

Celebrations

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

Concerns

Nate and Dawn Jones Goldstein - healing from Covid-19.
Jim & Polly Winkelmann - he is home healing after a stroke.
Encouragement welcome! 1504 Wolf Trail Rd; Wildwood, MO 63021; 314-610-3348 (Jim's cell).
Audrey and John Nourse - as she finds healing and strength.
Marilyn McDougal's sister - strength/courage for what lies ahead.
Jean Mueller's 96 year old aunt is in the hospital with pneumonia and Covid. Jean's son continues his slow recovery from Covid at home.
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.
Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen.
The people of Indonesia after recent plane crash.
Our Democracy.

Continuing

All individuals and families who are grieving into 2021.
Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease.
Lori Connors - for strength, stamina through some health challenges.
Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxen - PUCC sisters with health challenges.
Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.
Howard - healing after quadruple bypass surgery (Gerry Rogers' cousin)
Anne Brodinski - nearing the end of her life (Svenson).
Nelson Spencer - failing heart valve he received years ago (Svenson).
Carolyn & Hank Kraichley - serious health challenges (McKenzie).
Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.
Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability (McKenzie).
Grateful Tran - on parole at half-way house nearer family, learning new life skills, struggling with 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]

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 - those continuing, starting, returning to leadership... including **Biden|Harris**.
The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

All people who live with mental illness.

PUCF 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 January 24 - **Every Child’s Hope**; everychildshope.org
ECH founded in 1858 by our UCC foremothers and forefathers as an orphanage for immigrant children who lost their parents in cholera outbreaks. As the needs of St. Louis children and families have evolved over the past century and a half, ECH’s services and programs have adapted to meet those ever-changing needs.

Week ending January 31 - **Church of the Master UCC**, Florissant; cotm-ucc.org

Today, we remind ourselves that more holds us in common than divides us as a people, a nation, and a world.

Today, we try to walk the Way of Love again.

We will find our way through this moment, though we may have hard days ahead. None of us will forget what we have seen. I pray we don’t forget what we have learned.

May God’s spirit be among us in these coming days.

We are in this together.

~ Cameron Trimble, UCC Pastor

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Follow Me

Mark 1:14-20

Ecumenical Sunday

Last summer, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota galvanized the nation and sparked urgent protests in many cities. Although the Black Lives Matter movement was not new, it was newly urgent for many as marchers took to the streets, chanting, “Say their names” and “No justice, no peace.” For the first time for many Americans, our eyes were lifted to the role of policing in our communities.

Calls for change in policing include plans to shift financing to other social services and methods of protection. Activists invited us to imagine a 911 call resulting in response by the right person to help with a social service or mental health need. Those who called for changes in policing noted how seldom police are able to interrupt crimes in progress, and how inefficient the bureaucracy of policing has become. They drew a line from modern police forces back to slave times, when police forces were established to control enslaved African Americans.

It can be very hard to imagine a new way of organizing ourselves and our society. Even though modern policing is a relatively new idea, it can seem as if things were “always this way.”

When the men who became the disciples were called by Jesus to follow him, they could not imagine any other way of living. Their fathers and grandfathers and all the many generations before had been fishermen. Everyone they knew in their villages were fishermen. Yet, Christ called them to imagine something completely new. And once they did, they initiated a way of life that literally changed the world.

We are a resurrection people. This means that as Christians we understand as the most important tenet of our faith that something old must pass away in order for something new to be born. With the introduction of a movement to change policing, we have a unique opportunity to see our resurrection belief transformed from theological idea to lived reality.