

# Fourth Sunday in Lent





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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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## **Pledge Campaign for our Mission & Ministry 2021**

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

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## **Birthdays**

3/16 DELANNAY, Avery

3/19 RUIZ, John

3/16 HAACK, Christopher

3/20 REED, Lara

3/18 CLIFFORD, Patrick

3/20 SIMONSON, Andrew

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**Meditation** *Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this too, was a gift. ~Mary Oliver*

**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

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome Song *Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is stream-ing,  
now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,  
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day. \_\_\_\_\_  
Gath-er us in—the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in—the  
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name. \_\_\_\_\_

## Scripture Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## Call to Worship based on Psalm 107

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| One:  | Give thanks for the Lord’s goodness. God’s love is steadfast and forever.   |
| Many: | <b>God has gathered us from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.</b> |
| One:  | When you wandered as if in the desert, hungry and thirsty for God,  |
| Many: | <b>God heard our cries and revived our fainting souls, leading us home.</b>   |
| One:  | Give thanks for God’s steadfast love, for the wonderful things God has done and is doing for us.                            |
| Many: | <b>God’s grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts, and fills us with compassion, hope, and peace.</b>                       |
| All:  | <b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>  |

## Song *In this Very Room*



1. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for one like me,  
2. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all of us,  
3. In this ver-y room there's quite e-nough love for all the world,



and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for one like me;  
and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all of us;  
and in this ver-y room there's quite e-nough joy for all the world;

and there's quite e-nough hope, and  
 Je-sus, Lord Je-sus, is in this ver-y room.

## Lenten Candles

We light seven candles as we continue on this Lenten journey. We want the light to illumine our path as we seek to be the words and ways of Jesus. We commit to being more infused by the Spirit as we travel. Even as we know this is good and important work, we recognize that it isn't easy—and we may come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness. We will extinguish one candle each time we gather for worship this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. As we approach the desertion and depletion of Good Friday, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning...the light that never goes out.

## Prayer at the Candles

**Holy One, we watch and listen to Jesus this Lenten season. We do so with the expectation that we will be inspired to follow him and echo his words and actions. We pay particular attention to our hands that wipe tears; make music; tremble; prepare foods; struggle with carpal tunnel or arthritis; applaud and lift others up; hold other hands and embrace; sometimes do harm; wash feet; build and repair; touch the earth gently; strain in handcuffs; wring amid nail biting; write letters and make calls; sting from splinters and papercuts; engage in hand-offs, handouts and hand-me-downs; clench in fists; draw-sculpt-carve-paint-stitch-weave; swat; pray; commit to being open and available. Amen.**

## Response *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*—Fred Kaan

Tune: St Columbia, Irish Traditional Melody—*With Joy Draw Water; Immortal Love; Mother of All*

**Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.**

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

## Blessing the Children *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all. Heal - ing pain and  
Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you. Make them strong and

sick - ness, bless - ing child - ren small. Wash - ing tir - ed feet and  
gen - tle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Je - sus,

sav - ing those who fall. Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.  
till I'm gen - tle too. Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

### Scripture John 3:14-21 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that the only Son was given, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

“This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God.”

### Moment of Silent Reflection

#### Meditation Crosses—Unknown

Almost all the crosses I have ever seen seem much the same despite their differing size, shape, texture—some are empty, others bear, cosmetic Christs but few, if any, present the crosses of our world crosses of plants and animals, under threat of extinction, crosses of people suffering unjust imprisonment, starvation, torture, personal and institutional violence.

Sometimes I wish I could place real bodies upon those crosses—bodies of dead whales, dead native birds and trees, bodies of dead, dying, emaciated and mutilated people; for at the intersection of the horizontal and vertical elements of life there is always a body and in the Body of Christ I see all the bodies of this world.

## **Meditation** *10<sup>th</sup> Century African Hymn*

The cross is the way of the lost  
The cross is the staff of the lame  
The cross is the strength of the weak  
The cross is the hope of the hopeless  
The cross is the freedom of the slave  
The cross is the water of the seeds  
The cross is the source for folk seeking water

## **Call to Prayer** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## **Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People**

### **A Version of the Lord's Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit: Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, creation resonates with celebration of your nameless name.**

**Let justice and mercy flood the earth; let all creation harmonize in your imagination; let us recognize that every thought and thing belongs to you.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us; in the hurts we absorb from each other and those we inflict on others, forgive us; in times of test and temptation, stand with us; from the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you alone are creating our universe, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Song** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, From the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that  
o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime,  
 cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy,  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day,  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide,  
 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

## Mission Moment 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent/Easter

Heifer Project | Lydia's House | **Unleashing Potential** | Eden Seminary

## Offering Interlude

### Response *Make Me A Servant*

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me  
 lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my  
 heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a  
 ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day.

## Prayer of Dedication Carol Penner

We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts, you have given us so much, accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.

## Song of Parting *Seeker, Teacher, Friend*

words: Jim Burklo | tune: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Seeker of justice, turner of the tables  
 One who made sure that the poor were fed  
 Land for the landless, home for the homeless  
 And baskets filled with fish and bread.**

**Friend of the friendless, lover of the enemy,  
 Love that conventions cannot contain,  
 Boundless compassion, put into action  
 For peace beyond all selfish aims.**

**Mystical teacher, lover of the Holy One  
Faithful beyond any rites or creeds  
One with creation, in adoration  
Revealed in humble prayers and deeds.**

**Storm-riding mariner, death-defying leader  
With you in courage we seek to stand  
Stilling the waves of fear, through chilling winds we steer  
Till on that peaceful shore we land.**

**Hearer of children, healer of the broken ones  
Finder of truth in what some despise  
Touch the untouchable, love the unlovable  
Till finally we see through your eyes.**

## **Benediction**

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

### **Music for Going Forth**

# **Announcements**

## **TODAY: Speaker Series *Covid - Act II: more insights***

Sunday, March 14 | 11:15am | via ZOOM

“This is evolving science. You are seeing sausages being made - in front of the world's eyes,” said Yale vaccine researcher Saad Omer last December. This recent comment referring to vaccine development illustrates the speed at which science has progressed during the pandemic.

Parkway member Dr. John Russell, will update us on news of the Covid war at the front lines, where we are now, and what he foresees in the future. Come with your questions and comments, as this presentation will be live and interactive. You cannot afford to miss this one.

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

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

## **Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue 3/16** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 2:00pm

Please join us as we continue *Born a Crime: Stories of a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. We will discuss Section 2. Are you new to book groups or new to Parkway? We'd love to have you. Brew a cup of tea and join us. Sue Moellering will facilitate the discussion for this book. Questions? Contact Jackie, [jeiffert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeiffert2@gmail.com) or Gerry, [gcr123055@gmail.com](mailto:gcr123055@gmail.com)

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMiU4ay9oNndTW4yZUYwUT09>

**Join by phone:** 312 626 6799 | **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue 3/23

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays | 7:00pm | via Zoom

On March 23 we will be wrapping up our discussion of the book *The Sword and The Shield* so please read to the end (page 318). This book is a dual biography of Malcolm X and MLK Jr.

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0kyRC9FdDZGQT09;>

**Meeting ID:** 861 7230 0024 | (312) 626 6799 US | **Passcode:** 13607034

## Alzheimer's News

The number of Americans living with Alzheimer's is growing—and growing fast. More than 6 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's.

An estimated 6.2 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2021. Seventy-two percent are age 75 or older.

- One in 9 people age 65 and older (11.3%) has Alzheimer's dementia.
- Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.
- Older Black Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older Whites.
- Older Hispanics are about one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older Whites.

As the number of older Americans grows rapidly, so too will the number of new and existing cases of Alzheimer's. By 2050, the number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's dementia may grow to a projected 12.7 million, barring the development of medical breakthroughs.

Despite decades of research and calls to action to ensure that health care is accessible and equal for all regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, geography and socioeconomic status, that aim is still far from reality for too many Americans.

- Discrimination is a barrier to Alzheimer's and dementia care.
- Half or more dementia caregivers of color say they have faced discrimination when navigating health care settings for their care recipient.
- Black Americans and Hispanic Americans are more likely to have Alzheimer's and other dementias, but are less likely to be diagnosed than White Americans.
- Hispanics, Blacks and Native Americans are twice as likely as Whites to say they would not see a doctor if experiencing thinking or memory problems.

Learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://www.alz.org/help-support/resources) or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. You can find virtual dementia caregiver resources online at [alz.org/covid19help](http://alz.org/covid19help). Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do in St. Louis? Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) and/or contact PUC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at [joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent & Easter 2021

## Go the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile with us!

Parkway will again support four worthy organizations with its Second Mile Giving for Lent and Easter. We believe this blend of support will help Parkway create local, national and international impact with its gifts. Please remember that Second Mile Giving is over and above the Operational Budget and donations will be divided evenly among the organizations listed below. Please be generous as these organizations need on our gifts in order to be more faithful and effective.

### **Lydia's House**

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence in St Louis by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. The agency provides safe, confidentially-located furnished apartments for up to two years, assists women in creating and implementing goal plans that will help them live independently, and increases community awareness of domestic violence. For more information, please visit [www.lydiashouse.org](http://www.lydiashouse.org)

### **UP—Unleashing Potential [formerly Neighborhood Houses]**

For more than 100 years, Neighborhood Houses has loved children in St Louis. Currently, there are three main facets to their mission:

*Early Childhood Education*—Caroline Mission is a licensed and accredited Early Childhood facility operated by Neighborhood Houses. Our Mission is to provide quality affordable childcare for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Caroline Mission is a “home away from home.”

*Girls' Night Out:* Neighborhood Houses and Parents as Teachers collaborated together in the design and delivery of a program dedicated to supporting and assisting young mothers, ages 13–22. *Girls Night Out* is designed to promote healthy individuals and families.

*After School Programs:* Neighborhood Houses is the #1 provider of after school programming in the St Louis Public Schools... fun & creative activities, homework assistance, character education, cultural awareness, health & fitness focus, arts & crafts, supervised recreation, and much more! For more information, please visit [neighborhoodhouses.org](http://neighborhoodhouses.org)

### **Heifer International**

Heifer International does so much more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability -- project partners achieving self-reliance. And year after year, as partner families “pass on the gift” of knowledge and one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves. For more information, please visit [heifer.org](http://heifer.org)

## Eden Seminary

Eden Theological Seminary is a graduate school preparing women and men for ordained Christian ministry. One of the six seminaries of the United Church of Christ, Eden is a community that seeks God's justice and peace in the world. Eden is welcoming, inclusive and ecumenically diverse.

Eden was established in 1850 at Marthasville, Missouri. It was established because a European education was not adequate to prepare pastors for Evangelical churches on the North American frontier. From its beginning, Eden has embodied an ecumenical spirit. Its first graduating class included six Evangelicals as well as a Methodist and a Mennonite.

Eden admitted its first African American student in 1933. In 1965, the late Joseph Cardinal Ritter of the Saint Louis Archdiocese became the first Roman Catholic Cardinal to address a graduating class in a Protestant seminary.

Today, students from many different denominations are engaged in theological education at Eden as it remains committed to educating faithful and effective leaders for church and society. The seminary counts among its distinguished graduates Reinhold Niebuhr, H. Richard Niebuhr and Walter Brueggemann.

Eden Theological Seminary is committed to the study of theology in the context of the ecumenical Christian community and the contemporary interfaith world. For more information, please visit [eden.edu](http://eden.edu).

Please be sure to clearly mark your 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile gifts throughout the season of Lent and Easter. Thank you for your generosity for people near and far.

# Prayer List

as of March 10, 2021

## Celebrations

**All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!**  
**The Journey of Lent.**

## Concerns

**Jo Grove** - healing from recent surgery and hospital stay.

Twins **Harlin Scott & Rena Lois** - delivered early; in NICU (Tallyn).

**Healthcare workers, homeless** and many others at risk right now.

**Physical Distancing...** if anyone needs groceries, medicine and/or other support OR if anyone newly vaccinated would like to be part of the Care Team, please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-330-0629

**Ginny Brown Daniel and our Missouri Mid-South Conference** as she just last week announced her resignation effective this spring.

## Continuing

**Jim & Polly Winkelmann** - he is healing and making strides!

1504 Wolf Trail Rd; Wildwood, MO 63021; 314-610-3348 (Jim's cell).

**Cherie & Mike Stolze** - her health; her father's kidney disease.

**Lori Connors** - for strength, stamina through health challenges.

**Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon** - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

**Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues.

**Audrey and John Nourse** - as she finds healing and strength.

**Mary Ann Musial** - renewing fight with cancer (Larson/Prendergast).

**Brian** - recent double lung transplant due to COVID (Tossing).

**Anne Brodgerski** - responding well to new chemotherapy (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** - half-way house, new skills, schizophrenia (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]

**John and Audrey Nourse** - *The Village at Cape Albeon* 3300 Lake Bend Dr; St. Louis, MO 63088; 636-861-3200 [birthdates... Audrey – December 19; John - October 26]

**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

**Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress**, all local, national, world leaders.

**The “me too” Movement** - shining a light on sexual abuse.

**All people who live with mental illness.**

**Individuals in all levels of leadership** as they make decisions today.

**PUCC Family** (and others) struggling with healthcare costs and limits.

**Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC**

**Healing of relationships between the public and the police.**

**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.

**Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen.**

**The people of politically unstable countries across globe.**

## St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

*Week ending March 14* - **Peace UCC**, Webster Groves; [peaceuccstl.org](http://peaceuccstl.org)

*Week ending March 21* - **Faith UCC**, Little Rock, AR; [faithucclr.org](http://faithucclr.org)

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## No Matter What

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

Just about a year ago, most everyone in the world went under some level of quarantine due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Lives were changed in dramatic and many unexpected ways. Grocery stores started running out of strange things - toilet paper one week, baking yeast the next. School went online, and busy parents found themselves juggling homeschool and working from home. Churches moved worship online, too. And, most people cancelled whatever travel plans they had.

During this year of quarantine, travel television shows and reading became a wistful and yet satisfying pleasure for those who had to take a break from their own traveling adventures. By reading and watching about other people's travels, the armchair travelers of quarantine days have been able to remember the joy of experiencing the new foods, friendships and sites encountered on their own travels.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), the offering we receive this week, is our reminder that even if in-person travel has slowed in the past year, our gifts can - and do! - still travel around the world. Even if you can't get on an airplane, your financial offering has an impact in many corners of the world.

\*“One Great Hour of Sharing, is the special offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.” \*(<https://www.ucc.org/oghs>)