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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

4/12 HASLER, Rick & Cathy (24)

Birthdays

4/11	WESSINGER, Nancy	4/15	NOLTE, Karen
4/14	COMENS, Michael	4/15	REED, Vivienne
4/14	OSBORNE, Andrew	4/16	DOTY, Alexander
4/14	SCHERRER, Betty	4/16	TALLYN, April
4/15	HOCH, Richard	4/16	WADDELL, Sheila
4/15	KRPAN, Paige	4/16	YESS, Kari

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 | 10:00am | Facebook Live

Meditation The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable. ~Kevin Max

Welcome Psalm 133 (MSG—The Message)

How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes. It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion. Yes, that's where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

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





Scripture John 20:19-31 (CEB—Common English Bible)

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

	worship		
One:	We gather to worship together,		
Many:	: Different people, different lives, different histories,		
One:	Yet all children of the same God,		
Many:	Created lovingly by the Source of all life!		
One:	We gather to reconnect with one another,		
Many:	Different people, different lives, different histories,		
One:	Yet all disciples of one Teacher.		
Many:	Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.		
One:	We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears		
Many:	Different people, different lives, different histories,		
One:	Yet one people with one God, one faith, one dream.		
All:	Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.		

Call to Worship

Song When Thomas Heard from Jesus

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When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me," He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see. He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch; He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much. When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say, "We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?" He wanted understanding of what he could not see. Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry, Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die." He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread; Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord! Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word. When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone; He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea; At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe. O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day; Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

Opening Prayer John Wesley, adapted

Holy One, we are no longer our own, but yours. Put us to what you will. Place us with whom you will. Put us to doing, put us to learning and growing. Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you, thanked for you or criticized for you. Let us be full, let us be empty. Let us have all things, let us have nothing. We freely and fully surrender all things to you. And now, a wonderful and holy God, Covenant Maker, Covenant Keeper, Covenant Equipper – You are ours, and we are yours. So be it. And the covenant, which we have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. 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.

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

Blessing the Children Weave

Weave, weave, weave us together Weave us together in unity and love, Weave, weave, weave us together Weave us together, together in love.

Scripture Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon



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 Blest Be the Tie that Binds that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love: 1. Blest be the tie 2. Be fore our Ma - ker's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers; 3. We share our mu tual woes, Our mu tual bur - dens bear, 4. From toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; sor - row, like to that a - bove. The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is one. Our com-forts and our cares. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear. And of - ten for and friend-ship reign Through all And per - fect love e - ter - ni - ty.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Interlude

Response

Praise eyes that see all human need Praise minds that cast out selfish greed Praise lips that challenge those in power Praise those who struggle every hour

Prayer of Dedication

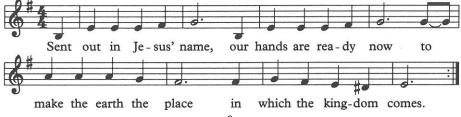
Praise life that makes us change and grow. Praise love that makes compassion flow. Praise peace that ends all strife and fear. Praise hands that work for justice here.

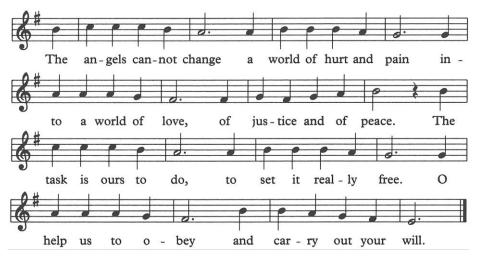
Praise ears that hear the children's cries. Praise truth that drives out cruel lies. Praise hearts that value human worth. Praise lives that build a better earth.

Praise eyes that see all human need. Praise minds that cast out selfish greed. Praise lips that challenge those in power. Praise those who struggle every hour.

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong. Praise hope that triumphs over wrong. Praise dreams that make our spirits rise. Praise voices raised in joyful cries. Amen.

Song of Parting Sent Out in Jesus' Name





Benediction

God's Light Goes Forth

Music for Going Forth

Announcements

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TODAY: Speaker Series

Act II of Demystifying Juvenile Court—Judge Tom Frawley

Sunday, April 11 | 11:15am | via YouTube

Back in February, Judge Frawley spoke on the juvenile court's duties for delinquent or status matters for a young offender. This time, in ACT II, the Judge talks about the court's handling of what are known as "care and neglect" cases. In addition, Judge Frawley will also weave into his talk, his spouse's and his experience from the other side of the bench, as foster and adoptive parents. Contact Richard Scherrer: 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Dialogue New Book – April 13

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:45pm social time | 7:00pm Book discussion | via Zoom Please join us for our first session discussing *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. This novel is about twin sisters who choose to live in two very different worlds: one black and one white. This book explores race, gender and identity and also how the lasting influence of these shape a person's personality, desires and expectations. Please read to the end of Chapter 4 to page 101 for the April 13 session. We start at 6:45 for social time then book discussion starts at 7:00. Contact Helen Race: raceh@att.net

Video: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0k yRC9FdDZGQT09;

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

Faith Action Climate Week with Free Film Screening: *A moral call for climate change action*

April 16 – 25 | faithclimateactionweek.org/ | Registration begins 4/1 Ten days in April during Earth Month when IPL congregations focus on how we can all take action to protect our climate. The 2021 theme is Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between our Faith, our Food, and the Climate.

Interfaith Power and Light is offering a free screening of the film *Kiss the Ground* from April 10 - 26. You may register beginning April 1 and will be sent your own personal link to view the film at home at your leisure. The link to the web address above has a link to register for the film and a link to the screening kit if you would like more information or to share it with a group for a discussion.

Kiss the Ground is a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. This film explains why transitioning to regenerative agriculture could be key in rehabilitating the planet, while simultaneously invigorating a new sense of hope and inspiration in viewers.

This film has been chosen as the featured film of Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week, April 16-25, 2021. Our theme this year is Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections between our Food, our Faith, and the Climate.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue - April 20

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 2:00pm | via ZOOM

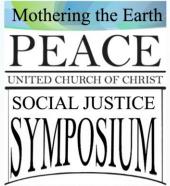
Please join us for Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) beginning April 20 as we discuss the book *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference,* by Keller and Inazu. The book is a collection of twelve true stories, divided into three sections. The two authors pulled the stories together from a group which met in St. Louis. Timothy Keller is a the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, and a New York Times bestselling author, and John Inazu is the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion at Washington University. We will read one section per meeting, April 20, May 4, and May 18. Come join us, even if you've never participated in a book group before. We'd love to have you.

Video: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMIU4ay9oNndT WW4yZUYwUT09

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

Social Justice Symposium May 1

Virtual zoom symposium sponsored by Peace UCC and Eden Seminary. This event is free but register at the website provided within the flyer (below) so you will receive a link.



IN MEMORY OF MARILYN STAVENGER Co-sponsered by Eden Seminary

Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:00AM-12:00PM Virtual by Zoom

SPEAKERS

Rev. Jim Antal - "Responding Faithfully to the Climate Emergency." Rev. Antal is Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister & President of the United Church of Christ and author of Climate Church, Climate World

Rev Dr. Cassandra Gould - "Environmental Racism." Rev. Dr. Gould is the Executive Director of Missouri Faith Voices.

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson - "They Shall Inherit the Earth: Justice for Marilyn's Children." Rev. Dr. Wilson is the President & CEO, of the Children's Defense Fund

There is no charge to participate in this virtual Symposium. Please register for the Synposium by going to **tinyurl.com/peace-symposium-registration**. In addition to the talks by the three speakers, there will be a break-out session wih each of the speakers. These break-out sessions will be held held simultaneously, so you will be asked to prioritize your insterest in the break-outs.

Peace UCC, 204 E Lockwood Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119,~ 314-968-1727 churchoffice@peaceuccstl.org

April 2021 Alzheimer's News

With the two recent federal guideline announcements easing restrictions for nursing home visits and giving the greenlight to certain in-person activities for fully-vaccinated individuals, many families will soon be visiting older relatives they haven't seen in months or even a whole year.

Here are some tips for visiting a loved one with dementia you may not have seen for some time:

- First and foremost, consult the latest CDC guidelines for maskwearing, social distancing, and appropriate in-person activities and physical contact for fully-vaccinated individuals.
- Instead of having the whole family go for the first visit, have one or two go so as to not overwhelm the person.
- Sensory cues are helpful if you haven't seen the person in a while. Perhaps wear a perfume that they might recognize as your familiar smell or a recognizable piece of clothing and/or bring along an item with a special memory.
- When you see the person, say their name and also introduce yourself. Do not assume they will know who you are right away. See how they react and then respond accordingly.
- Do not ask them: "Do you remember me?" Do not be surprised if they fail to recognize you at first.
- If you are wearing a mask, perhaps bring along a photo of yourself without a mask on to help them recognize you. In fact, bring a few photos to share with them—of the two of you together, of past family gatherings—though avoid photos with too many faces as that might be confusing for them.
- Do not assume they will know about Covid-19 and why you have been unable to visit. But do not dwell on the pandemic; instead bridge to a more positive topic of conversation.
- When talking with the person, accept their reality—whether that is today or 20 years ago. Follow their lead.
- Observe how the visit is going and how they are doing, if you sense any agitation, consider not staying as long as you had planned.

You can learn more by going to 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. Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit alz.org and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

Prayer List as of April 7, 2021

Celebrations

Skyler Brussee and Justin Dario - newlyweds! David and Mariale - celebrating their wedding from last weekend! All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far! The Journey of Lent, Holy Week and Easter! Drive-Thru Goodbye Blessings for MMS Conference Minister, *Ginny Brown Daniel...* Saturday, April 10 @ 1pm - MMS Office, Eden Seminary; 5pm - St. John UCC, St. Charles

Concerns

Brian - may receive double lung transplant (due to COVID) tonight or tomorrow... prayers for Brian and the family of the donor (Tossing).
Ellie Larson - home after a few days in the hospital.
Nicole Leabo - healing after stroke; balind in one eye (Svenson).
Charlotte Smith and family as they grieve and give thanks for her sister-in-law, Julia.
Janet Prendergast - healing from recent surgery (Larson).

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; 314-330-0629

Continuing

Joan Biest - healing after recent elbow surgery. Jim & Polly Winkelmann - he is continuing to make progress! 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 Wilcoxen - PUCC sisters with health challenges. Bill Darland - ongoing health issues. Anne Brodginski - responding well to new chemotherapy (Svenson). Maria Hendrix and Denise Hein (Stifel). **Nelson Spencer** - failing heart valve he received years ago (Svenson). Carolyn & Hank Kraichley - serious health challenges. Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life. Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability. Grateful Tran - half-way house, new skills, schizophrenia (Buretta). Bob - continues to struggle with Parkinson's. Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges. The extended Eggebrecht Family - healing and wholeness. Ginny Brown Daniel and our Missouri Mid-South Conference as her resignation is effective later this spring.

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. Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States. 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 April 11 - First Congregational UCC, Webster Groves; firstchurchwg.org Week ending April 18 - First Congregational UCC, Memphis; firstcongo.com

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Marks of Faith

John 20:19-31

For years, maybe even decades, the church has wrestled with how to both retain the intimacy of in-person worship and also to embrace the technological changes in communication that are burgeoning in every other aspect of modern life.

When the church, along with the rest of society, was placed under quarantine, the decision was made for us. As communities of faith, we had to adapt some technological ways of staying in community in order to continue to worship with one another.

While many local churches moved their worship services online, the national United Church of Christ pivoted and moved online, too.

"Thursdays for the Soul" and "Tuesdays for Nurture" are offerings from the United Church of Christ to unite, uplift and equip the Church for such a time as this. These videos are streamed live and are available to rewatch and share at:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6VgfHt6zEy7yDgdSEfLLYEVaNBM2943

These online offerings have opened church-wide conversations ranging from the decidedly practical to the unapologetically philosophical. They offer guidance for churches and church leaders seeking information about how to be church in these challenging times, along with conversations with a variety of individuals at the forefront of faith and social justice movements.

One of the gifts of these digital days is that if you missed the offerings at "Thursdays for the Soul" or "Tuesdays for Nurture" the first time around, they are still available to you now. You can find them by entering the above url or searching for *Worship and Care for the Entire Church Webinars* on YouTube.