



*We thank God for  
all of our senses this spring  
- and in every season.*



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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

4/21 DOMBEK, Charles & Claire (42)

## Birthdays

4/19 RUSSELL, Carol

4/23 BIEST, Warren

4/19 TOOMBS IV, Gene

4/24 RUNTZ, Joe

4/20 BYERLY, Rachel

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 | 10:00am

## Meditation

*If I, deaf, blind, find life rich and interesting, how much more can you gain by the use of your five senses! ~Helen Keller*

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

**Prelude** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*—Mary McDonald (2015)  
Based on the traditional Spanish melody, *Madrid*

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome Song** *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**  
**I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.**  
**I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.**  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

## The Senses in Scripture

Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’  
The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. ~Mark 10:51-52

Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully.” ~Deuteronomy 5:1

And all the people were trying to touch Jesus, for power was coming from Him and healing them all. ~Luke 6:19

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.  
~2Corinthians 2:14

The house of Israel named it manna, and it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey. ~Exodus 16:31

## Call to Worship

*For the Senses*—John O'Donohue

One:	May the touch of your skin register the beauty of the otherness that surrounds you
Many:	<b>May our listening be attuned to the deeper silence where sound is honed to bring distance home.</b>

One:	May the fragrance of a breathing meadow refresh your heart and remind you that you are a child of the earth.
Many:	<b>When we partake of food and drink, may our taste quicken to the gift and sweetness that flows from the earth.</b>
One:	May your inner eye see through the surfaces and glean the real presence of everything that meets you.
Many:	<b>May our souls beautify the desire of our eyes that we might glimpse the infinity that hides in the simple sights that seem worn to our usual eyes.</b>
One:	We thank God for all of our senses this spring—and in every season.
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

## Song *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,  
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.  
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.\*

## Opening Prayer

**Holy One, we open ourselves up to you and all of your gifts today. Help us to receive each thing our eyes see, each sound our ears hear, each odor that goes to our nostrils, each taste that goes to our lips, each touch that we receive along the way. Enliven us in this time of new life and responsibility. Amen.**

## Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

On bend-ed knee with need - y hearts we  
come and pray. — Lord, lis-ten to your  
chil - dren. — With will-ing hearts and  
o-pen arms we come and pray. — Lord,  
lis - ten to your chil - dren. — With  
sim-ple words of heart-felt thanks we come. Be  
liev-ing in your prom-is - es, we come. On  
CODA  
chil - dren, lis-ten to your chil - dren.

*Last time to Coda*

*D.S. al Coda*

**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.



## More of the Senses in Scripture

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ~Psalm 32:8

God said, “It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.” ~Isaiah 65:24

Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.” ~Jeremiah 1:9

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a person’s counsel is sweet to their friend. ~Proverbs 27:9

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again?” ~Matthew 5:13

## Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

## Sermon

### Call to Prayer *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —

— Change my heart, O God, —

may I be like you. — You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay. —

Mold me and make me, this is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God, —

make it ev - er true. — Change my heart, O God, —

— may I be like you. —

## 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.]

### Invitation to Generosity *Mary's Elegy*—Ben Logan (2005)

### Offering Interlude

### Response *Bring Forth the Kingdom*, v1

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the

King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!

*Refrain*

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,

bring forth the Cit-y of God!

## Prayer of Dedication

Life-giving God, you have created us wonderfully. Awaken us through our five senses. Surprise us. Delight us. Draw us into gratitude and awe. Thank you for the gifts of our bodies—and for all they teach us about you. Help us to share ourselves in ways that build, repair, sustain and celebrate community. Amen.

## Song of Parting *We Plow the Fields and Scatter—All Good Gifts*

1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;  
 You paint the way-side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;  
 The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;

God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;  
 Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,

The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh-ing rain.  
 Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.  
 And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

## Benediction

## God's Light Goes Forth

## Music for Going Forth

*Theme for Sonata No. 6 for Violin and Piano, K. 301—W.A. Mozart,*  
arr. Trenton Watkins

# Announcements

## NEXT WEEK: Speaker Series

### *A Life-Long Fascination with the Weather*

Sunday, April 25 | 11:15am | ZOOM

Presented by Matthew Scherrer. George Carlin once wisecracked “Weather forecast for tonight – dark.” But it’s not that simple according to Matthew Scherrer, a self-styled amateur meteorologist. In his remarks for the Parkway Speakers Series, Matthew will recount his passion for weather from childhood to the present, agreeing with what another wag observed, “It is best to read the weather forecast before we pray for rain.”

Contact Richard Scherrer: 90fivetpr@gmail.com

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84898581439?pwd=V1JhZXNod1JSTjVJcm1QYWWhOck9JQT09>

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

## Faith Action Climate Week with Free Film Screening:

### *A moral call for climate change action*

April 16 – 25 | [faithclimateactionweek.org/](https://faithclimateactionweek.org/) | Registration begins 4/1

Register here: <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/featured-film-kit/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2498fb11-e0c8-4f3f-bc1f-988006d34c68>

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.

*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.

## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue - April 20

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWW4yZUYwUT09>

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

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue New Book – April 27

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays | 6:45pm social time | 7:00pm Book discussion | via Zoom

Please join us for our second 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, exploring race, gender and identity. Please read up to Chapter 10 or to page 201 for the April 27 session.

Contact Helen Race: [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0kyRC9FdDZGQT09>

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



Our Creator has given us five senses to help us survive threats from the external world, and a sixth sense, our healing system, to help us survive internal threats. ~Bernie Siegel

Though there was no sound, there was a change. The atmosphere, which had gone tense at my accusation, relaxed. I wondered how I knew this. I had a strange sensation that I was somehow receiving more than my five senses were giving me - almost a feeling that there was another sense, on the fringes, not quite harnessed. Intuition? That was almost the right word. As if any creature needed more than five senses. ~Stephenie Meyer

It is through the repeated process of feeling impressions, recording them, and obeying them that one learns to depend on the direction of the Spirit more than on communication through the other five senses. ~Richard G. Scott

Of the five senses, smell is the one with the best memory. ~Rebecca McClanahan

Love is the poetry of the senses. ~Honore de Balzac

Mothering the Earth

# PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN STAVENGER

Co-sponsored by Eden Seminary

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

Virtual by Zoom

## S P E A K E R S

**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 Symposium by going to [tinyurl.com/peace-symposium-registration](https://tinyurl.com/peace-symposium-registration). In addition to the talks by the three speakers, there will be a break-out session with each of the speakers. These break-out sessions will be held simultaneously, so you will be asked to prioritize your interest in the break-outs.

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# Prayer List

as of April 14, 2021

## Celebrations

**All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!**  
**We are Easter People!**

## Concerns

**Charlotte Smith** and family as they grieve and give thanks for her sister-in-law, Julie. Graveside Memorial Service this weekend.

**Brian** - received double lung transplant (due to COVID) last Weds; walked 350 feet today with 1.5 liters of oxygen! Tubes are coming out! Thanks for praying for Brian and the family of the donor (Tossing).

**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

## 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 Wilcoxon** - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

**Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues.

**Nicole Leabo** - healing after stroke; blind in one eye (Svenson).

**Janet Prendergast** - healing from recent surgery (Larson).

**Anne Brodgerski** - 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 18* - **First Congregational UCC**, Memphis; firstcongo.com

*Week ending April 25* - **Grace UCC**, St. Louis; graceuccstl.org



## **A Prayer for Global Restoration**

Michelle Balek

Good and Gracious God,  
Source of the evolving Universe,  
Source of all Life,  
All creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite your Spark within us,  
That we may know ourselves  
As truly human and holy,  
Irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

All creation

- each star and every flower,
- each drop of water and every person,
- each and every atom, down to its very electrons, explodes with the revelation of your sacred mystery.

Our minds alone cannot fathom such splendor,  
Our hearts can only respond in awe, praise and gratitude.

Forgive us, we pray, our ignorance  
And insecurities which

- blind us to your Thumbprint writ large,
- deafen us to the sacred space
- between two heartbeats,
- prompt us in arrogance to demand and dominate,
- numb us to the destruction we've caused,
- hold us hostage to “either-or” thinking and living.

May we always walk gently upon this earth,

- in right relationship,
- nurtured by your Love,
- taking only what we need,
- giving back to the earth in gratitude,
- honoring all with reverence,
- reconciling and healing,
- mindful of those who will come after,
- recognizing our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation.

Grant us the strength and courage, we pray,  
For such radical transformation into your Kin-dom.

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

## Christ Among Us

Luke 24:36b-48

Earth Day is coming up this Thursday. Has your church explored what it might mean to be a Creation Justice Church? You can find out more at the website: [https://www.ucc.org/creation\\_justice\\_churches](https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches).

\*“As we learn in the opening pages of Genesis, our first calling as people of faith is to care for God’s creation. Whether it is taking on the climate crises or addressing the lead poisoning of children, environmental justice ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now.

If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then environmental justice ministry should undoubtedly be an integral strand in any church’s DNA. The UCC’s Creation Justice Church program aims to help you do just that. Here are some of the tremendous features and benefits of doing the program:

- Congregations collectively discern their high calling to care for creation and seek justice for the oppressed.
- Congregations make a commitment so serious and so sacred that it necessitates talking about God’s covenant with us and with all of creation.
- Congregations not only become recognized as “green.” They become a part of a larger network of churches and a larger movement to change the world.
- Congregations engage in critical thinking about the socioeconomic dimensions of environmental justice such as race, class, and global inequality.
- Congregations foster a deeper sense of connection: connection to God, to each other, and to the world in which we live.
- Congregations unleash their imagination and creativity as a sense of purpose propels them to make a difference.”

\*([https://www.ucc.org/creation\\_justice\\_churches](https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches))