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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

5/2 STOHR, Sue & Paul (50)

## Birthdays

5/2 CRAWFORD, Amanda

5/6 KLEINE, Kim

5/3 HAACK, Gail

5/7 RUTHERFORD, Polly

5/3 SCHATZ, Will

5/7 SCHOWALTER, Blake

5/5 HENSON, Michael

5/7 TOOMBS, Judy

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 | 10:00am

**Meditation** *You want hot days to get your fruit ripe but then you want it to cool off nicely at night so that the grapes stay on the vine longer and develop complexity. ~Drew Bledsoe*

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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

## Gathering Songs

*Seek Ye First*

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His  
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

righteous - ness, And all these things shall be  
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

add-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Sanctuary*

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
Lord, pre - pare me to be your lov - ing e - cho, kind and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
gen - tle, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Woke Up This Morning, v1-3

*Leader*

1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was

The first system of the musical score. It consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of whole rests in both the treble and bass staves.

stayed, woke up this morn - ing with my

*All*

Stayed on Je - sus,

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of whole rests in both the treble and bass staves. The third system begins with the vocal line starting on a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of whole rests in both the treble and bass staves.

mind, and it was stayed,

Stayed on Je - sus,

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of whole rests in both the treble and bass staves. The fourth system begins with the vocal line starting on a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of whole rests in both the treble and bass staves.



woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was

stayed, Hal-le - lu, Hal-le -

Stayed on Je - sus, Hal-le - lu,

lu, Hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le - lu, Hal-le - lu jah. —

2. Oh, you can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...
3. Makes you love everybody with your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...
4. Oh, the devil can't catch you in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...
5. Oh, yes, Jesus is the captain in your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...

## Scripture Psalm 8 (MSG - The Message)

God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name. Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk,

and silence atheist babble. I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way? Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, made us stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps.

God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

## **Call to Worship** Jim Burklo

One: Let us worship and adore God:

**Many: source, essence, and aim of all things, spirit that enlivens all beings.**

One: Let us follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself and shared a way for others to find God in themselves:

**Many: He was born through love, he lived for love, he struggled for love, he died for love, but love never dies.**

One: Let us lean into the leadings of the love that is God:

**Many: to be compassionate to all beings, to live and serve in community with others, to ask for and offer forgiveness,**

**All: that we may honor and enjoy God forever. Amen!**

## **Opening Prayer** Craig Mitchell

**Holy One, we thank you for this thin place - where earth and heaven embrace; where past interweaves with future; where people gather expectantly. We are grateful for this thin place where hopes are renewed; where faith is restored; where peace is revived; and where love is refreshed. We commit ourselves to this thin place where fresh words are heard; deep wisdom revealed; and daring promises proclaimed. We grow in confidence in this thin place where You, the God who shapes us, the Christ who remakes us and the Spirit who inspires us, walk among us full of grace and truth. God, as You are above us, beside us and within us, may we be open to see and hear Your grace revealed as we worship here now. Amen.**

## **Response** *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Chorus: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side... [Chorus]**

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

## **Blessing the Children** *Where Children Belong*

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

The musical score is written on three staves in 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The second and third staves continue the melody.

## **Invitation to Generosity**

### **Offering Interlude**

### **Response** *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the  
Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's  
giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the  
poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings.



*Last time to Coda*  $\oplus$  1, 3 2 *D.S.*

done for us." And us." Give

$\oplus$  CODA

us." Give thanks! \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, we want to swept up in the spirit of your generosity, so help us to have others in mind and heart whenever we speak or act. Help us to be a part of the flow of grace. Move us with the increasing momentum of your justice. Amen.**

## Scripture John 15:1-8 (CEB - Common English Bible)

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and God is the vineyard keeper. God removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

God is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples."

## Sermon

**Invitation to the Communion Table** We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

## Communion Song *Come, Share the Lord*

1. We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is  
(3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who  
(5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn-ing in our hearts like liv-ing flame; for through the  
pours the cup is ris-en from the dead; the one we  
glo-ry of our Lord and com-ing King; now we an -

lov-ing Son the Fa-ther makes us one: }  
love the most is now our gra-cious host: } Come, take the  
ti-ci-pate the feast for which we wait: }

*Fine*

bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

2. No one is a stran-ger here, — ev-ery-one be -  
4. We are now a fam-i-ly of which the Lord is

longs; find-ing our for-give-ness here, we in  
head; though un-seen he meets us here in the

turn for-give all wrongs. 3. He joins us  
break-ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath-er

## Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout

**Our** [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

# Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we receive the nurture, encouragement and strength of this meal. We are grateful that you come to us in simple and significant ways. We can feel your gifts reaching deep down inside of us. We go and grow from here, focused on being more linked and more like Jesus—with the things we say and the things we do. Amen.

## Song of Parting *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

May you run and not be weary. May your

heart be filled with song. — And may the

love of God continue to give you hope and

keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy! — And may the

road you travel always lead you home. \_

## Benediction

## God's Light Goes Forth

## Music for Going Forth

## Announcements

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## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – May 4

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 2:00pm | via ZOOM

Please join us for Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) as we discuss the second section of the book *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference*, by Keller and Inazu. 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 – May 11

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

Please join us for our third session (chapter 10 to the end of the book) 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, identity. Contact Helen Race: [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0kyRC9FdZGQT09;>

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

## Intertwine Interfaith Virtual Baking and Fun Night!

Saturday, May 8 | 6:30pm

Intertwine Interfaith Initiative is hosting its second Bake and Fun Night. Leyla Sariyerlioglu will be teaching us to bake **Kandil Simidi (Sesame Bagel Rings)** and while our dishes bake, we will enjoy live Turkish music by Yasin Dagasan and hear about Ramadan and Fasting.

Here are the ingredients and equipment you should have in advance:

- |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 5 tablespoon of unsalted butter | ½ cup of vegetable oil        |
| • 2 tablespoon of plain yogurt    | 1 tablespoon of white vinegar |
| • ½ teaspoon of salt              | 1 tablespoon of sugar         |
| • 1 egg                           | 1 teaspoon of baking powder   |
| • 2 cups of all purpose flour     | 1 cup of sesame seeds         |

**Equipment:** medium bowl; baking sheet; parchment paper

Event is free but a \$10 donation is suggested to Pot Bangerz that benefits those who are hungry. You can donate anytime online at <https://www.potbangerz.org/donate>. You can learn more about this great institution and Mama Cat here: <https://www.potbangerz.org/meet-mama-cat>

Please RSVP at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0OORxjAtLvVgZypW\\_C9GwyoXRPjGQSGJlefivVEo2b-t2NQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0OORxjAtLvVgZypW_C9GwyoXRPjGQSGJlefivVEo2b-t2NQ/viewform) by **Thursday, May 6th**.

## **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87500444046?pwd=dSsvZkxCTE1kVzZpVXVWdy94WlhWdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 875 0044 4046; Passcode: 355392 | (312) 612- 6799

Hope you can join us! Contact Lisa Mason: [lmason624@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmason624@sbcglobal.net)

## **\*\* Interfaith Reflection for Ramadan - *Parliament of World Religions***

Huddled together, Muslims and Christians alike, in an attempt to protect our cardboard boxes from the rain, we welcomed to our corner of Shadwell, London the local councilor in charge of housing in our borough. Our team, Shadwell Citizens for Affordable Housing, had spent the entire morning collecting testimonies from passers-by expressing what sort of dignified homes they want in our neighborhood. Our goal was to present this to the councilor and get him, after months of back and forth, to finally publicly support our efforts to get Community Land Trust homes built in Shadwell. I'm happy to report that he gave us the go ahead and promised to connect us to the greater London authorities for housing.

This is just one example of how interfaith collaboration is improving lives in East London. My name is Claire Moll, and I am an American Christian community organizer working in a small Anglo-Catholic parish in Shadwell, a neighborhood predominantly made up of Bengali Muslims who have lived in the area for generations located right at the fringes of the wealthy City of London. At St. George-in-the-East our mission statement is "Worshipping God, Welcoming our neighbors, and Challenging injustice." We are driven by Jesus' time spent on Earth sharing with the most vulnerable whilst all the while challenging the many power structures that ensured those people's state of vulnerability. In all community initiatives run by the church, we have partnered with Muslim women who in tandem with members of our Church congregation lead our task groups. We believe that our Muslim brothers and sisters are as much a part of our community as any Christian-identifying person and that it is only when we are working together we may truly start to see deep change within our society.

This Ramadan, we will be staying out late with our Muslim neighbors as a sort of ad hoc community watch building relationships with many of the youth. This initiative started several years ago when Muslims expressed a sense of anxiety of having to walk to and from the mosque at such late hours in the summer nights. Members of our church and others decided that this was something with which we could help. The more people on the streets the less likely anti-social behavior will occur. Thus, ever since, teams of non-Muslims have joined those going to the mosque to break their fast to ensure their safety.

These cross-faith community initiatives are so integral right now in keeping a Brexit United Kingdom truly united. We are not a land of xenophobic bigots, but rather several communities attempting to defy the political powers that profit off our divisions by coming together to better our neighborhoods for everyone.



# Prayer List

as of April 28, 2021

## Celebrations

**All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!**

**We are Easter People!**

**Lena Nadine** - born to Libby Burkhardt Rosenfeld & David Rosenfeld.

**Conrad Damsgaard settling into his new life at Mason Pointe!\***

## Concerns

**Mike and Gerry Rogers** - grieving and giving thanks for his aunt.

**Randy** - positive for Covid; hospitalized (Mona Herberg's father-in-law).

**Pinky Wilcoxon** - home after a hospital stay last week.

**Zoe Lyons** - healing of her broken arm.

**All impacted by Covid-19** - individuals, families, healthcare workers.

**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.

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

**Gun violence across the country.**

## Continuing

**Gail Haack** - coping with torn rotator cuff; eager to heal so she can get back to sending cards to PUCers – which she loves doing all year.

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

**Joan Biest** - healing after elbow surgery.

**Jim & Polly Winkelmann** - he is continuing to make progress!

**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 Brodginiski** - 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 we conclude our shared ministry at the end of this month.

## 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**

**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.

**The people of Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Turkey.**

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

## St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

*Week ending April 25* - **Grace UCC**, St. Louis; [graceuccstl.org](http://graceuccstl.org)

*Week ending May 2* - **Glory to Glory Christian Church UCC**, St. Louis; [glorytogloryucc.org](http://glorytogloryucc.org)

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

## Abiding in Love

John 15:1-8

While today retired pastor Rev. Dr. Ron Patterson lives comfortably with his wife Charnley Marsden in Tacoma, Washington, his early life in Akron, OH was much more humble. Unsure of his life's direction, Ron met with his pastor, who encouraged the high schooler to enroll at Heidelberg College.

"My parents don't have the money for that," Ron told his minister. But endowment funds from both Grace UCC in Akron and Heidelberg College (now University) made college possible for Ron – as well as a long and successful career in ministry.

And he remains eternally grateful for such great generosity from people he never knew.

"All because of the endowments people like me, who had nothing, could go to college and seminary. That's why I've left a planned gift to the UCC. So much of what the UCC was able to do for justice and work in the world was because of our endowments at churches, camps, Conferences, and the National Setting," Ron continued.

"The UCC has something to say and to share, and the financial part is not the most important part but sure makes the other parts possible in so many ways. We need to be a place where prophets like Traci Blackmon can stand, and voices like Karen Georgia Thompson's can be heard."

To learn more about giving to the UCC, please contact Generosity Officer Andy DeBraber at [debrabera@ucc.org](mailto:debrabera@ucc.org) or 216.736.2168 or Generosity Officer Jessica Shine at [shinej@ucc.org](mailto:shinej@ucc.org) or (216) 736.2175.