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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

8/29 COBB, Harold & Carol (57)

9/1 REED, Lara & Jared (14)

8/30 PENICO, Steve & Paige (18)

9/3 MATTEUCCI, Sandra & Nick (27)

Birthdays

8/29 STOLZE, Mike

9/1 HASLER, Rick

8/30 RUNTZ, Naomi

9/4 OSBORNE, Thomas

14th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, August 29, 2021 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *You don't have to attend every argument you are invited to.*

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, v1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfolding love!

Scripture James 1:19-27 (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

***Call to Worship** Based on words by Bruce Sanguin

One: God is Loving Presence, luminous in all creation. Hallowed and sacred is God's name.

Many: We desire the coming of God's kingdom. May we reflect on the dream of the heavens while we are here.

One: God helps us to receive an illumined measure of earthly gifts each day.

Many: Forgive us when we trespass against others, human and other-than-human, as we forgive others who trespass against us.

One: God keeps us on the path of wisdom compassion—when we are tempted to take the selfish path.

Many: May it be the Spirit's rules and ways we follow, Spirit power we exercise.

One: May God's radiance draw us in and align us with Jesus.

Many: May truth guide our lives and be the ground from which our futures grow.

All: Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*



1. Moth-er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2. Moth-er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3. Moth-er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - at - or, source of
me your food of light, grain of life, and
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I



ev - ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

***Opening Prayer** Jennie Gordon

God of life, in Your hand we find our lives. Be present with us in this time of worship together. Let Your Spirit mold us, shape us and remake us this morning—and every day—until we conform to the shape that You call us to take - the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ. 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 are invited to Room 12 (lower level) and Youth to Room 15 (lower level) following this Children's Time. We will also be on Zoom for those at home. We continue to require masks for all.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation

Questions and Promises

Child: Mia Alexandra Schulenburg

Parents: David & Kaylyn Schulenburg

Godparents: Cassandra Schulenburg & Cody Bonenberger

Congregation

One: Jesus Christ calls us to offer the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Mia and to David & Kaylyn and to Cassie and Cody—as they all live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care!

Act of Baptism

Baptismal Prayer

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Gifts from the Church

Response *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the Living God, to whom you now belong.

Should you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, Complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing. The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders. Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.)

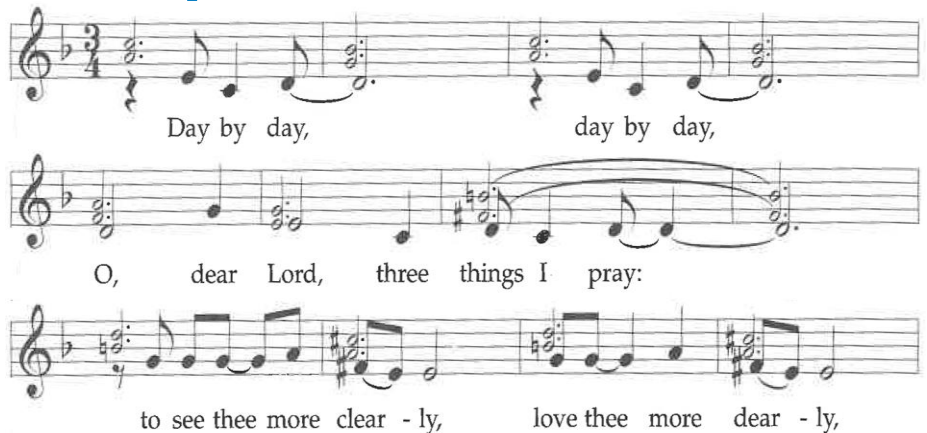
So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?" He replied, "Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me. Their worship of me is empty since they teach instructions that are human words. You ignore God's commandment while holding on to rules created by humans and handed down to you.'"

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God's sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person."

"It's from the inside, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual sins, thefts, murders, adultery, greed, evil actions, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, insults, arrogance, and foolishness. All these evil things come from the inside and contaminate a person in God's sight."

Sermon

Call to Prayer *Day by Day*



fol-low thee more near - ly, day by day.

day by day, by day, by day, by day.

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.]

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory *One Voice*—Ruth Moody, arr Marcelline Moody

Vocals by Michelle Bruegemann, Doris McCarter, Cindy Nouri accompanied by Skyler Dario

This is the sound of one voice, one spirit, one voice,
the sound of one who makes a choice. This is the sound of one voice.
This is the sound of voices two, the sound of me singin' with you,
helping each other to make it through. This is the sound of voices two.

This is the sound of voices three, singin' together in harmony,
surrendering to the mystery. 'Tis is the sound of voices three.

This is the sound of all of us, singin' with love and the will to trust.
Leave the rest behind, it'll turn to dust. This is the sound of all of us.

This is the sound of one voice, one people, one voice.
A song for ev'ry one of us. This is the sound of one voice.

*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



***Prayer of Dedication** Carol Penner

Ever-present God, we long to be faithful givers, modeling ourselves on Jesus who has given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts we give—for the building, repairing and sustaining of individual lives and community. Amen

***Song of Parting** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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

I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

I'm gonna love so God can use me...

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth**

Announcements

Speaker Series: Turbulent Times of the 60s & 70s **Presented by Ellie Svenson**

Sunday, September 12 | 11:15am | Heritage Room and ZOOM

PUCer Ellie Swenson recently came across notes she made to herself, as she contemporaneously reacted to and recorded her impressions of turbulent times in America from 1967 to 1974: including the walk on the moon, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Supreme Court's approval of school busing, Kent State, the Civil Rights Act, Nixon goes to China, Watergate, etc..

We will use Ellie's memories as a springboard to remind our audience of their own recollections, and encourage the sharing of memories of those remarkable and turbulent times.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHVllyQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 9147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial in:** (312) 626-6799

Crop Walk 2021

Sunday, October 24 | 4:30 check in | | 5:00pm walk | Eden Seminary: 475 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO 63119

The 2021 CROP HUNGER WALK will be a hybrid event. For those who feel safe gathering in person to walk together, we shall gather on Sunday, October 24 at Eden Seminary, 475 Lockwood Ave, in Webster Groves 63119--check in 4:30PM and Walk at 5:00PM. However, participants may also register for the Walk, and they may choose to walk wherever and whenever they wants or in small groups. For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate:

<https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo>

Type in Parkway UCC where you may join the team or make a donation

The CROP CONCERT will follow the CROP Walk at 7:00PM in the Wehrli Chapel at Eden Seminary Covid Precautions will be in place.

Contact Sue Moellering: susieqslp@sbcglobal.net

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 23 | 10:00am | The Enterprise Center

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 23, 2021. The Greater Missouri Chapter is moving forward with plans to host the walk in person downtown at The Enterprise Center. They will continue to offer options to participate online and in your neighborhood for those who prefer to socially distance. It could be, as last year, and be everywhere: on every sidewalk, track and trail. COVID will again dictate. The Parkway team page:

https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=47035&PROXY_ID=667857&PROXY_TYPE=22&FR_ID=14598

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 Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Celebrations

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

All students, families, teachers, staff, admins starting classes.

Charlotte Smith - new great granddaughter - *Judith Charlotte Smith*.

Concerns

Ralph Hoffmann and family - grieving & planning to celebrate Brenda.

John Nourse and family - grieving and giving thanks for Audrey. Visitation here on Friday, September 10 from 4-7pm; Memorial Service here on Saturday at 1pm; Burial across the street in Elm Lawn Cemetery.

<https://www.stlfuneral.com/obituaries/Audrey-Nourse/#!/Obituary>

Cindy & Ralf and Andrew Wessel - struggling after Tyler's death by suicide. <https://www.schrader.com/obituary/tyler-wessel>

Mary Maxeiner - healing after knee replacement surgery.

Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas - Dan's cancer treatments.

Kathleen Tarr - having a cardiac procedure in a few weeks.

Mike - hospitalized with Covid; being taken off ventilator this week.

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

If anyone needs support or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-330-0629

The storms and wildfires in the United States.

The humanitarian crisis in Cuba.

The aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

The turmoil in Afghanistan, Cuba and other places.

Continuing

Skip Larson, Karen Nolte, Janet Prendergast - remembering Ellie.

Joan and Larry Brannigan - continuing health concerns for Larry.

Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie - diagnosed with stage 4 cancer (Tom's sis).

Val - surgery to stabilize fractures in her back (Jim Winkelmann's mom).

Bob - continues to struggle with Parkinson's but is doing a bit better.

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.

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.

Maria Hendrix and Denise Hein (Stifel).

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).

The extended Eggebrecht Family - healing and wholeness.

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Carol Aston - *Sunrise on Clayton*; 7920 Clayton Rd, #122;

Richmond Hts, MO 63117; 314-646-7600. [birthdate: December 12]

Millicent Guerri - living with cancer... 14300 Conway Meadows Ct E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: December 5]

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;

Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

Pat Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]

Bill Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

Pearl Sellenriek - *Friendship Village Memory Care Division* #1001; 15250 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

Sue Houser - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B; Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

Other

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.

Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands.

Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States.

Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.

Peace and Justice near and far.

Healing of relationships between the public and the police.

US Military around the globe.

The people of politically unstable countries across the globe.

Peace in the Mid-East.

St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending August 22 - **St John’s UCC**, Chesterfield;

stjohnsuccchesterfield.org

Week ending August 29 - **St. Johns UCC**, St. Louis; sjuccstl.org

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