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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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Birthdays

9/18 SHELTON, Peter & Karla (45)

9/18 WEAS, Dan & Kim (22)

Birthdays

9/12 OEHLER, Grant

9/15 BOUGHMAN, Sally

9/13 SABLEMAN, Mark

9/16 ZOLLER, Alex

16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, September 12, 2021 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.* ~Audre Lorde

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

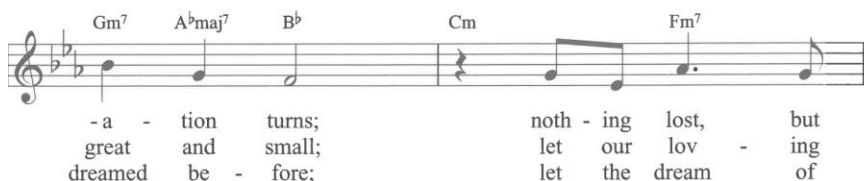
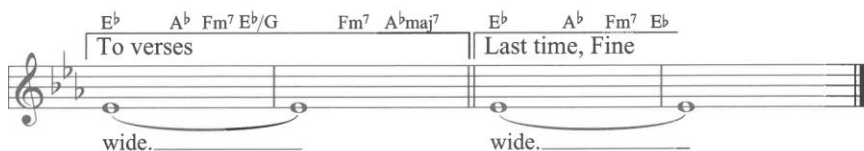
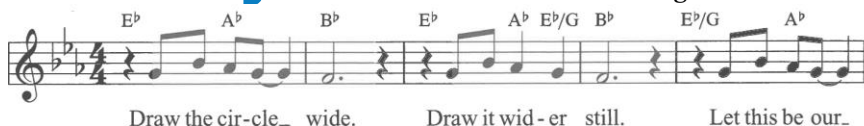
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Prelude *Summer Idyl*—Edvard Grieg, arr. Roger C. Wilson

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Draw the Circle Wide*—Gordon Light



Scripture Proverbs 1:20–33 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

*Turning Toward God

One:	Jesus asks the disciples:
Many:	“Who do people say I am?”
One:	But Jesus presses them: They answer, “Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets.”
Many:	“Who do you say I am?”
One:	Peter answers, “You are Christ—God’s anointed one, God-with-us!” Now Jesus pushes us: “What about you? Here, in this moment, in this community,
Many:	“Who do you say I am?”

***Song** *God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*, vs 1, 2 and 4

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1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*Opening Prayer

Holy Wisdom of God, You call to us from the depths of our hearts, where we long for connection with you and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods, Where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories, where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community. Amen.

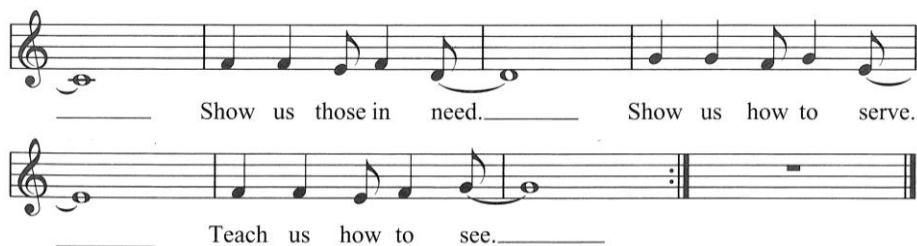
*Response *Here Are Our Hearts*—Susan Drake and Julie Jennings



Here are our hearts._____ Here are our hands._____



Here are our lives._____ Use them as You can._____ Show us those who hurt.



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 *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 Mark 8:27–38 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Jackie Eiffert

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon *Stop, Children, What's That Sound?* Jeanette Mott Oxford

Call to Prayer *I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry*

1 I love my God, who heard my cry and pit - ied
2 I love my God, who heard my cry and chased my
ev - ery groan. Long as I live and trou-les
grief a - way. O let my heart no more de -
rise,
spair while I have breath God's throne,
to pray.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

After petitions are spoken by the congregation, the one praying says "God in your love" and the congregation responds "Hear our prayer."

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.]

Mission Moment *CROP Walk—Sue Moellering and Pam Manning*

Offering Our Gifts to God

The psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge." Let us share our gifts so that we can also partake in telling of God's glory!

Offering Interlude *Worship the King—Stan Pethel*

Based on the tune *Lyons* by Michael Haydn | Sung by Sanctuary Choir

Oh worship the King, all glorious above,
and gratefully sing God's wonderful love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
God's chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in God do we trust, who never will fail;
God's mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, beloved and friend.

O worship the King!

[Every name for God reflects a tiny part of the reality. Scripture and years of Christian theology give us: helper, Lord, servant and friend; compassionate father, a mother who breastfeeds her children and knits, a tigress, a mother hen, a shepherd, a rock and a tower, a shield and a defense, a landowner, a housekeeper, a baker of bread, a mighty ruler and a powerless infant, the light that lightens the world, and the darkness that is above all light; the God who is both love and wisdom, and at the same time the God whose name, however close we try to get to it, will always elude us. ~Dean Dawn]

*Response

**Praise God whose many names abound;
Our Peace, our Rock, Our Holy Ground,
Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts
to create greater access, insights, and wisdom
for people within and outside of these walls. So be it!**

*Song of Parting *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*, vs 1, 2, & 5



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
4. The cup of wa - ter given for Thee Still holds the



cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
sor - row's stress, Thy heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to see The sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.

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| 5. O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again; | 6. Till all the world shall learn Thy love,
And follow where Thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from Thy heaven above
Shall come the city of our God. |
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***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth** *Sound the Trumpet!—Humphrey Turner*

Jeanette Mott Oxford has been an advocate, educator, writer, and organizer on issues of poverty, health, housing, racism, human rights, equality, and campaign finance reform in Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri since 1983. Oxford has been executive director of two statewide anti-poverty not-for-profits and was State Representative for a portion of St. Louis City from 2005-2012. Presently Organizer and Lead Campaign Strategist at Metropolitan Congregations United, Oxford graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1986 with a B.A. in Religious Studies and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary (1989).

Prayers and Components of this liturgy are reprinted or adapted from Worship Ways at UCC.org

Announcements

Tuesday Evening Dialogue September 14

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

We will be finishing up *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Please read from page 100 to the end.

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

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

The Parkway Speakers Series Presentations for Fall

Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room and ZOOM

September 12

Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands, Another Pandemic Update by John Russell, PhD. It's not over, is it? Questions abound. To the rescue is Dr. John Russell.

September 26

The Wonders of Poetry by Dottie Dwyer. Dottie Dwyer returns to take us on another amazing tour of the wonders of poetry.

October 10 and 17

The Twists and Turns of the Law of Divorce in Missouri by Judge Tom Frawley. Divorce is the death of a dream you thought was going to last. If you have some insights into the law and the process, you may be more helpful and effective in offering care and empathy.

November 14 and 21

Critical Race Theory by David Spener, Professor of Sociology at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and an adjunct professor in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. He teaches Critical Race Theory, a body of scholarship and an academic movement that seeks to critically examine the intersection of race and US law. (Youth are encouraged to attend too).

December 5

The Fall of County Executive Steve Stenger by Winston Calvert. Winston is a senior member of the current St. Louis County Executive's office. He observed the downfall of Stenger as it unfolded, and will share his views and observations, some of which may not generally be known by the public.

All of these presentations are currently scheduled in the Heritage Room following worship, as well as on Zoom. Some are live, others have or will be prerecorded. Those that are prerecorded will be available for televising in the Heritage Room and on Parkway's YouTube channel. Watch for any changes as our season moves along.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURYWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHV1lyQT09>

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

We welcome your suggestions for potential speakers in 2022. Please pass those along to Richard Scherrer.

Welcoming Afghans to St. Louis

The International Institute is grateful for the contributions from communities around St. Louis. They are overwhelmed by this generosity and currently need volunteers to help sort recent gifts from everyone. The Institute asks that future donations of goods not be dropped off at their location until September 9 to allow for sorting, organizing, and assessing future items most needed.

You can help by:

1. Signing up to volunteer for sorting current items. Shift times are listed on a link at www.iistl.org. Click on the Afghan SIVs banner for further information. The volunteer slots can be found at <https://iistl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>
2. Donating: Visa gift cards, gas cards, gift cards for Aldi's, Target, Schnucks, Walmart, Jay's International, and monetary gifts to the International Institute.
3. Continue saving household items as International Institute gears up for current and arriving Afghans. Items can be placed in the church lobby and marked for later delivery to the Institute.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Wanted

Sat, Nov 20 | 8:00am | 3400 Park Ave

The 2021 Parkway UCC workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 20. HFH is asking for 4 volunteers from our church, and the spots will probably go fast. Please contact Tom McKenzie: mckenzie1947@att.net or 314-567-0429. The work site is in the 3400 block of Park Ave, just East of Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Also, please make any contributions to: Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis | 3830 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118. It is important to make the donation to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis so it will go to our local affiliate.

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 want or in small groups. For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.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 | 9:00am | 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 outside the Enterprise Center. (Everything is outside.) 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.

Alzheimer's News September 2011

New study results show that the use of diabetes drugs known as DDP-4 inhibitors may be associated with slower decline in memory and thinking skills in older adults. Study participants taking DDP-4 inhibitors also showed smaller amounts of the plaques that build up in the brains of people living with Alzheimer's, compared with both diabetes-free older adults and those taking other diabetes medications. Experts cautioned that the findings do not prove the drugs can prevent or delay dementia.

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, September 8, 2021

Celebrations

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

PUCC Weddings last weekend - Melissa and Stephen; Kenzie Patrick and Nick Nouri; Paul Sableman and Shantel Sheppard. Blessings to you!

Concerns

Kathleen Tarr - having a cardiac procedure earlier this week.

John Nourse and family - grieving and giving thanks for Audrey. Visitation here this 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>

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

Pat & Janet - his cancer diagnosis; radiation/chemo (Skip Larson's son-in-law).

Carol - grieving as husband and son died this summer (Winkelmann).

All impacted by Covid-19 - individuals, families, healthcare workers; including the family of Mike (PUCC friend) - mourning/celebrating him.

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

Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

People recovering from natural and human made disasters.

20th Anniversary of 9/11 this Saturday.

Continuing

Carol Wilbois' daughter Kim - open heart surgery last week.

Cindy & Ralf and Andrew Wessel - grieving Tyler.

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

Ralph Hoffmann and family - grieving & giving thanks for Brenda.

Mary Maxeiner - healing after knee replacement surgery.

Joan and Larry Brannigan - continuing health concerns for Larry.

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

Val - healing of 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.

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]

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

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]

Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: August 8]

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

Pinky Wilcoxon - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: April 7]

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 September 12 - **St Luke’s UCC**, Imperial; stlukesimperial.org

Week ending September 19 - **St Mark UCC**, Arnold; stmarkucc.org

16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Mark 8:27-38

Who Are You Jesus?

Faith Formation Sunday

The word “mandala” means a “special circle.” In many different countries people create mandalas as a way of praying or showing something about their beliefs. Some doctors have their patients make a mandala to help them express feelings they have trouble talking about. In Tibet, mandalas for peace are created in sand. The Navajo create similar sand paintings to heal sickness. When they are finished, they take the picture apart and sweep up the sand. Sometimes they sweep it into some water as a special blessing. They do this to remind themselves that everything in the world is always changing and the sand won’t stay the same forever. It starts out just as sand, then becomes a beautiful work of art, and then goes right back to being sand. But when they’re finished, the sand is special because it came from their art and it knows their prayers.

You can make a mandala on your own or with a group. First, gather supplies: • items that can be used to create patterns within the mandala, such as buttons, marbles, checkers, bottle caps, building blocks, washers, scrabble tiles, mosaic tiles, pebbles, beads, seed pods, leaves • paper circle cut from an 8½” x 11” sheet of paper.

A meditation before making a mandala. Sit comfortably and close your eyes. Take three, slow deep breaths and imagine God’s Spirit filling you with love from head to toe. Think about something sad that is happening in the world, something that you want to see change. Imagine God’s Spirit moving in the world to answer that prayer. Imagine God’s Spirit bringing love into that situation. Now, imagine God’s Spirit forming a big circle, a circle of love in that place. Imagine what the circle looks like and what it feels like. When you are ready, open your eyes. Use the items you have gathered to make a picture of your circle. You can do whatever you wish with your circle. Don’t worry about making mistakes. Trust that God is with you in creating the right mandala for today.

Today’s activity, on this Faith Formation Sunday, is adapted from Faith Practices: Praying and Making Ritual, Copyright © 2012 The Pilgrim Press. Faith Practices is an easily adaptable and inexpensive faith formation curriculum for all ages available at thepilgrimpress.com.