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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

10/24 Beck, Karla & Randy (34)

Birthdays

10/24 WEAS, Ben

10/28 RISTAU, Nancy

10/25 KRAUSE, Ashley

10/29 CLIFFORD, Daniel

10/25 WILLIAMS, Meera

10/29 COLEMAN, Bart

10/26 NOURSE, John

22nd Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived. The odors of fruits waft me to my southern home, to my childhood frolics in the peach orchard. Other odors, instantaneous and fleeting, cause my heart to dilate joyously or contract with remembered grief. Even as I think of smells, my nose is full of scents that start awake sweet memories of summers gone and ripening fields far away.* ~Hellen Keller

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.)

Choral Introit *Sing a New Song to Our God*—Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to our God!

Harmonies fair, filling the air, sing a new song to our God!

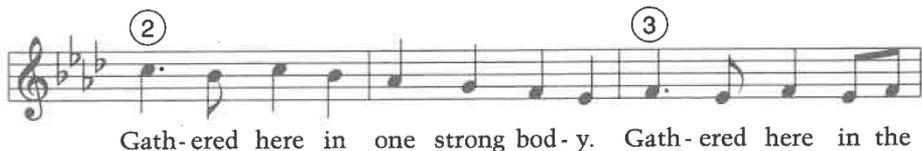
Let one and all answer the call: music and melody raise.

God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise!

With glad songs of praise!

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Gathered Here*



Scripture Psalm 104:1-6, 10-17 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

*Call to Worship

One:	We open our eyes to see the wonders of creation.
Many:	We listen to the whispers and shouts of the Spirit.
One:	We become one with the fragrance of prayers ascending.
Many:	We taste the living water and the bread of abundance.
One:	We turn around and are touched by the God who has been following us with goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*Song *Morning Has Broken*



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, you are in everything we see, hear, touch, taste and smell. Heighten our senses this day—so that we can be more available and receptive to the gifts you offer. Help us to be grateful and in awe of what is right before us at any given moment. Help us to share what we have been given. 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 *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Scripture Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Val Detjen, reader

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "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.

Song *For One Great Peace*



1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. this check I write, this march I join, this



stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in



pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
 rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
 one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Sermon

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.]

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Interlude *How Great Thou Art*— Stuart K. Hine

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir, Bill Haack (baritone soloist)

*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



heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a



ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day. _____

*Prayer of Dedication *Quentin Chin*

Holy One, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

*Song of Parting *Guide My Feet, v1-3*



1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me
4. I'm Your child



- Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Stand by me
I'm Your child



- Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
Stand by me
I'm Your child



- don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *Andante Cantabile* (from Symphony No. 5 Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky, arr. Martha Powell Setchell)

Announcements

TODAY! Outdoor Halloween Adventure Sun, Oct 24, 5-6pm
Travel around Parkway United Church grounds to meet masked Superheroes that will tell you their stories. Families stay together, physically distanced and also wearing masks. Candy will be dropped into the children's bags with tongs. Costumes are welcome! Come and enjoy a Halloween Outside Adventure!

TODAY! Crop Walk 5:00pm walk (4:30pm check-in)
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 at Eden - 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.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

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue November 2

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:45 Fellowship | 2:00pm book discussion | via ZOOM
Join us as we continue the book, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, a novel by Christy Lefteri. It is a story about the refugee experience, full of hope and very timely as we welcome immigrants into our city and nation. We continue to meet and discuss on November 2. We will cover page 207 until the end.

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWW4yZUYwUT09>

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

Loving our Neighbors at Thanksgiving

We look forward to sharing Thanksgiving with loved ones near and far by providing 200 1-pound bags/boxes of sugar for **Isaiah 58** families. Consider donating one or two or more bags/boxes through 7 November. Place your sugar in the marked box in the church entryway.

Circle of Concern is also gearing up for their big Thanksgiving Basket Program for 700 families. Just like last year, we are committing to supplying 150 boxes of food items that will go alongside a turkey, frozen pie, fresh fruit, vegetables and a gift card from Aldi's. It would be helpful if your donation contained all eight items for the box, but all donations are appreciated. Items in each box: canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, chicken broth, boxed stuffing mix, jar of turkey or chicken gravy, cornbread muffin mix, boxed mashed potatoes.

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity!

The Parkway Speakers Series Presentations for Fall

Selected Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room and ZOOM

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).

These presentations are currently scheduled in the Heritage Room following worship, as well as on Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkwZ0EzV0VHVllyQT09> **Meeting ID:** 846 9147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

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.

Halloween Yoga Sunday, October 31 | 11:15am

Angela Lamb is a certified Yoga instructor. She has been teaching yoga to children since 2017. She recently published a yoga lesson plan book so families could do her lessons at home to bond, relax and have fun. Her new book is called *Bonding with My Bunnies: Yoga Lesson Plans for Families & Children*. Here is the Barnes & Noble link for the book:

<https://m.barnesandnoble.com/w/bonding-with-my-bunnies-angela-lamb/1140007338>

On Halloween after worship, she will be leading children in the Halloween Yoga lesson which includes: a share circle, a kid friendly yoga practice and breathing exercise, yoga games and relaxation mindfulness exercise.

The whole family can join us for this fun, mindful, relaxing time.

Please bring your yoga mat if you have one (or a beach towel works too).

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Celebrations

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

Brad Lyons & Courtney Richards - married in OK last weekend.

Peggy & Mike Mohl - relocating to be closer to family in DC this week.

Avery - due 1/6 born 10/17 - now in the NICU doing well (Borgmann).

Concerns

Conrad Damsgaard - in & out of hospital recently - at Big Barnes now.

George & Peg Lestina - as he recuperates from surgery in a rehab ctr.

Sally Boughman - home after recent hospitalization.

A friend of PUCC - Gender Affirmation/Confirmation aka Sex Reassignment Surgery this week.

Marsha and David Peek - celebrating her mother Norma Pepmeier on Saturday, October 23 at 11am St Paul UCC, Waterloo IL.

Jo Grove and family - grieving her niece in AR and aunt here in STL.

Sue Moellering - knee replacement surgery on October 28.

Jim and Polly Winkelmann - healing for her spinal stress fracture and his shoulder after surgery.... Jim went home from rehab over wkend.

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

Mona Herberg -kidney stone/stent removal surgery this week.

Pat & Janet - his radiation/chemo treatment (Skip Larson's son-in-law)

Ouseynou Diakite & family - grieving/giving thanks for his grandpa.

Susan Beyer - healing from back surgery (Greg Schmelig's co-worker).

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

Continuing

John Pavlovitz - recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.

Cindy & Ralf and Andrew Wessel - grieving Tyler.

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

Joan and Larry Brannigan - continuing health concerns for Larry.

Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie - living 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.

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).

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]

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.

Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

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 October 17 - **Emmaus Homes**; emmaushomes.org

Week ending October 24 - **St. Paul UCC, Oakville**; sp4u.org

Week ending October 31 - **St. Peters UCC, Ferguson**; stpeterschurch.org