

**JESUS DOES.**  
*How about you?*



**PARKWAY**  
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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.** If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

**Welcome Children.** We invite children to full participation in worship.

**Today's flowers** donated by Amy and Doug Yakel.

**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

3/6 PILLAI, Janie & Anil (18)

## Birthdays

3/6 WOODSON, Connor

3/8 KLEIN, Bill

3/7 SPERRY, Doug

3/11 TALLYN, Jameson

3/8 DOWNING, Jeff

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 6, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

**Meditation** *Don't explain your philosophy. Embody it. ~Epictetus*

**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** *You Are Welcome Here*

You are wel - come here, no mat ter who you are, no mat ter  
where you are, on life's jour - ney, You are wel come here,  
no mat - ter who you are, come and  
join with us, in our U - ni - ted Church of Christ.

**Gathering at the Lenten Candles** *Jesus Does. How about you?*

**Scripture** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (CEB—Common English Bible) Peggy Sieber

Living in the Most High's shelter, camping in the Almighty's shade, I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!" Because you've made the Lord my refuge, the Most High, your place of residence— no evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent. Because God will order messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go. They will carry you with their own hands so you don't bruise your foot on a stone. You'll march on top of lions and vipers; you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot. God says, "Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue you. I'll protect you because you know my name. Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you. I'll fill you full with old age. I'll show you my salvation."

## \*Call to Worship

One:	Come join us on this Lenten Journey.
Many:	<b>We will walk with Jesus and talk with him in order to build and strengthen the relationship.</b>
One:	We will listen to the words Jesus speaks and find ways to make them our own.
Many:	<b>We will meet the people Jesus meets and find things we have in common.</b>
One:	We will learn the stories he tells and become storytellers too.
Many:	<b>We will make space for one another — for we belong to each other.</b>
One:	We will help create a bigger table with Jesus so that more people can feast.
Many:	<b>We will embody some of Jesus’ traits and style so we can bring more of the Spirit into the world.</b>
One:	We will be humble, recognizing our dependence on grace and learning to be gracious all around.
All:	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

## \*Song *On Eagles Wings*

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord**

**Who abide in this shadow for life**

**Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”**

**And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**Make you to shine like the sun**

**And hold you in the palm of his hand** [Repeat from beginning.]

Last time: **And hold \_\_you\_\_ hold you in the palm \_\_of his hand**

## \*Opening Prayer

Holy One, as we make this Lenten journey, we see what Jesus does—in order that we might do similar things. We can. We sense his power and we can exercise our own agency and make choices. We feel his empathy and we can bring more love into the world. We see him spend time apart from everything else and we can take time to step away and be still. We listen to his stories and can weave our stories together with people near and far. We watch him touch people and we can release our reassurance to others. We hear him speak up and we can be bold for ourselves and others. We sense his struggles and we can find our own courage and stamina. We receive his peace and we can become calm amid storms of every kind. Amen.

**\*Response** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me #363, v1*

I want Je - sus to walk with me: (Walk with me)  
I want Je - sus to be in me,  
All a - long this len - ten jour - ney,  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with 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' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all. Heal - ing pain and  
Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you. Make them strong and  
sick - ness, bless - ing child - ren small. Wash - ing tir - ed feet and  
gen - tle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Je - sus,  
sav - ing those who fall. Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.  
till I'm gen - tle too. Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**Mission Moment** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent/Easter

Heifer Project | Lydia's House | Unleashing Potential | Eden Seminary

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offering Interlude**

## **\*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**

**God of all grace, we can never outgive you. As we share our financial gifts, help us to also use the spiritual gifts you have given us. We thank you for giving each of us the power and tenderness of your Spirit for the common good. To each of us, you have given different gifts to serve you and your church—to build each other up and to strengthen community. May we serve you and one another with our generous attitudes and our gracious gifts. Amen.**

## **Scripture** Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version) *Peggy Sieber*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## **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** *As the Pauper Waits for Plenty*

Tune: #314 *Like The Murmur of the Dove's Song*

**As the pauper waits for plenty, as the weeping wait for mirth,  
As a farmer waits for harvest and a woman waits for birth,  
So do I wait for you.**

**As the blossom longs for springtime and the seed, a fertile place,  
As an orphan longs for family and child, his mother's face,  
So do I long for you.**

As a songbird waits for morning and an eaglet waits for flight,  
As a flutist waits for music and an artist waits for light,  
So do I wait for you.

As the homeless long for shelter and the weary, for a bed,  
As the thirsty long for water and the hungry long for bread,  
So do I long for you. So do you long for me.

## 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 Juice

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** United Church of Canada

We are grateful, Holy One, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Song of Parting** *Shalom, Chaverim!*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, Gm, C7, and Dm. The lyrics are: 1. Sha - lom, cha - ve-rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve-rot! Sha - lom, sha - lom! 2. Fare - well, good friends, Fare - well, good friends, Sha - lom, sha - lom!

The second staff continues the melody. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, Gm, A7, and Dm. The lyrics are: Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom. Till we meet a - gain, till we meet a - gain, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

### \*Benediction

### \*God's Light Goes Forth

### \*Music for Going Forth

# Announcements

## Next Week, March 13: Speaker Series

Select Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room & Zoom

*The Conductor: timekeeper, herder, tastemaker, cheerleader and scold* by David Peek.

Conductors serve as messengers for the composer. It is their responsibility to understand the music and convey it through gesture so transparently that the musicians in the orchestra understand it perfectly. Those musicians can then transmit a unified vision of the music out to the audience. Easily said, but how does that really work? David Peek knows and he will share his secrets as to how he so deftly conducts the Town & Country Symphony.

### Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkwD0EzV0VHV1lyQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue March 8

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

Tuesday Evening Discussion returns! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. On Tuesday March 8 we will be selecting a new book to start our next series of discussions. Our book choices tend to focus on topics related to spirituality, social justice, culture and other relevant issues effecting humanity. Newcomers are most welcome!

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXMKyRC9FdDZGQT09;>

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

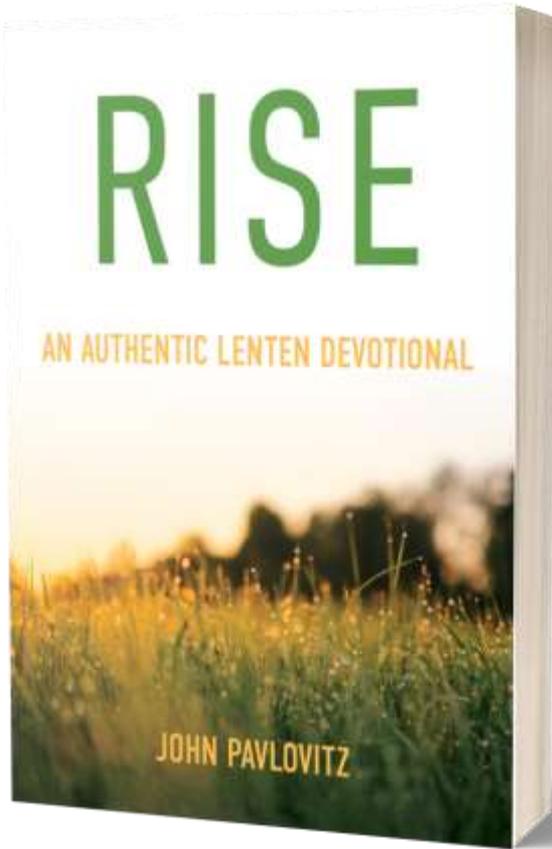
## Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue March 15

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 1:45 Fellowship | 2:00pm book discussion | via ZOOM

Please join Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue (TAD) for continued discussion on *No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)* by Kate Bowler, Associate Professor at Duke Divinity School.

With dry wit and unflinching honesty, Kate Bowler grapples with her cancer diagnosis, her ambition, and her faith as she tries to come to terms with her limitations in a culture that says anything is possible. She finds that we need one another if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between—and there's no cure for being human.

## Pick Up Your Copy of Our Lenten Devotional Today



In this new Lenten devotional, popular progressive Christian author John Pavlovitz once again takes us on a transformative spiritual journey.

Like the human experience, the spiritual journey is not a level path. It is about the falling and the rising. We allow our hopes to rise when we are in the middle of the struggle. We wait for the sun to rise, knowing that joy comes in the morning. We rise to our feet after falling to our knees in desperate prayer. We rise when we are knocked from our feet, persistent in this. We rise to meet the coming day, knowing we are held by a Love that will have the last word.

RISE is a 40-day journey of elevated hopes and ascending spirits. Each entry includes scripture, a reflection, and a prayer.

Pick up your complimentary copy from the round table in the Gathering Space today.

If you aren't here today, please let us know that you would like us to send one to you.

## **From Changing Diapers to Changing the World: *Why Moms Make Great Advocates and How to Get Started*** by Cynthia Changyit Levin

PUCer Cindy has cared deeply about global poverty and hunger even before becoming a parent. But mothering her own children toughened her resolve to stand up for her values and work to become a better world for all kids.

The Pre-Sale for Cindy's book is officially open! Visit her new website at [www.changyit.com](http://www.changyit.com) to pre-order autographed and inscribed paperback copies for \$20.00 (plus shipping) to be mailed out on March 8, 2022. You can even order for friends and she will write a personal inscription for them, too! Just note the names you'd like her to write when you complete the order.

It's been a long journey of learning and she is delighted to share the fruits of her labor with you at last.

Questions? Contact [cynthia@changyit.com](mailto:cynthia@changyit.com); [changyit.com](http://changyit.com); Twitter: @ccylevin

### **Lenten Haiku**

Roger Lynn

*the world weighs heavy  
our brokenness wearies us  
and yet God is here*

shadows threaten us  
darkness presses on all sides  
God's light continues

*we hunger and thirst  
longing to be satisfied  
abundance is here*

life comes as a gift  
whether we notice or not  
it's time to rejoice

*having received  
we freely share what we have  
God's abundant life*

God's love shining through  
filling our lives and our world  
our response is praise

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lent & Easter 2022

## Go the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile with us!

We are pleased to announce that Parkway will again support four worthy organizations with its Second Mile Giving for Lent and Easter. We believe this blend of support will help Parkway create a local, national and international impact with its gifts. Please remember that Second Mile Giving is over and beyond the Operational Budget and donations will be divided evenly among the organizations listed below. Please be generous as these organizations need on our gifts in order to be more faithful and effective.

### **Lydia's House**

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence in St Louis by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. The agency provides safe, confidentially-located furnished apartments for up to two years, assists women in creating and implementing goal plans that will help them live independently, and increases community awareness of domestic violence. For more information, please visit [lydiashouse.org](http://lydiashouse.org)

### **UP—Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses)**

For more than 100 years, Neighborhood Houses has loved children in St Louis. Currently, there are three main facets to their mission:

*Early Childhood Education*—Caroline Mission is a licensed and accredited Early Childhood facility operated by Neighborhood Houses. Our Mission is to provide quality affordable childcare for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Caroline Mission is a “home away from home.”

*Girls' Night Out*: Neighborhood Houses and Parents as Teachers collaborated together in the design and execution of a program dedicated to supporting and assisting young mothers, ages 13-22. *Girls Night Out* is designed to promote healthy individuals and families.

*After School Programs*: Neighborhood Houses is the #1 provider of after school programming with the St Louis Public Schools ... fun & creative activities, homework assistance, character education, cultural awareness, health & fitness focus, arts & crafts, supervised recreation, and much more! For more information, please visit [neighborhoodhouses.org](http://neighborhoodhouses.org)

### **Heifer International**

Heifer International does so much more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability—project partners achieving self-reliance. And year after year, as partner families “pass on the gift” of knowledge and one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves. For more information, please visit [heifer.org](http://heifer.org)

## **Eden Seminary**

Eden Theological Seminary is a graduate school preparing women and men for ordained Christian ministry. One of the six seminaries of the United Church of Christ, Eden is a community that seeks God's justice and peace in the world. Eden is welcoming, inclusive and ecumenically diverse.

Eden was established in 1850 at Marthasville, Missouri. It was established because a European education was not adequate to prepare pastors for Evangelical churches on the North American frontier. From its beginning, Eden has embodied an ecumenical spirit. Its first graduating class included six Evangelicals as well as a Methodist and a Mennonite.

Eden admitted its first African American student in 1933. In 1965, the late Joseph Cardinal Ritter of the Saint Louis Archdiocese became the first Roman Catholic Cardinal to address a graduating class in a Protestant seminary.

Today, students from many different denominations are engaged in theological education here. Eden remains committed to educating faithful and effective leaders for church and society. The seminary counts among its distinguished graduates Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr and Walter Brueggemann.

Eden Theological Seminary is committed to the study of theology in the context of the ecumenical Christian community and the contemporary interfaith world. For more information, please visit [eden.edu](http://eden.edu).

Please be sure to clearly mark your 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile gifts throughout the season of Lent.

# Prayer List

as of Wednesday, March 2, 2022

## Celebrations

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

**Black History Month.**

**Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle** - Afghan family adjusting to StL.

## Concerns

**Barb Kuhlmann and family** - at the death of her sister Becky today.

**Ellie Svenson** - healing in STL after a mild stroke and ankle surgery.

**Sally Boughman** - continued issues with back pain.

**Steve and Andrea Barnes** - preparing for his surgery on elbows and wrists due to nerve damage from sarcoidosis.

**Val Weber** - 101st Birthday recently; strength and patience as she recuperates from a couple of mild strokes (Jim Winkelmann's mother).

**Rogers Family** - as Mike's mother Twila heals after a recent fall.

**Mark McKenzie** - healing after heart surgery (Tom's brother).

**PUCC families** who are grieving and giving thanks for their pets.

**All impacted by Covid-19** - individuals, families, healthcare workers; If anyone needs help getting vax/booster or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

**The conflict in Ukraine.**

## Continuing

**John Nourse** - recuperating from recent knee replacement surgery.

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

**Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack** - chronic health challenges... Bill has begun the lengthy prep process for extensive back surgery.

**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.

**Lizzie** - awaiting liver transplant (niece of Barb Kuhlmann).

**Anthony** - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

**Gary** - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

**Kevin Ceballos** - sudden death of husband, Darryl Luffman (Schmelig).

**David McCoy** - mourning his daughter (Lucia McKenzie).

**Judy White** - upcoming cancer surgery (Sue McMillon).

**Donna** - healing (Dottie Dwyer's sister in Cape Girardeau).

## Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

**Conrad Damsgaard** - *Mason Pointe Care Ctr*; 13190 S. Outer 40 Rd; #1207; Town & Country, MO 63017; 636-236-9639 [birthdate: April 27]

**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]

**John Nourse** *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #103; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]

**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]

**Gladys Sims** - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*; Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]

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

**Dick Witte** - *Meramec Bluffs Assisted Living*; 40 Meramec Trails Dr; Apt #104; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-368-7324 [birthdate: March 25]

## 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** struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.

**Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC**

**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.

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

**US Military** around the globe.

**Peace and Justice** near and far.

## St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

*Week ending March 6 - Epiphany UCC*, St Louis; epiphanyucc.org

*Week ending March 13 - Peace UCC*, Webster Groves; peaceuccstl.org

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Luke 4:1-13*

*Wilderness Companions*

*UCC Women's Week – March 6-12*

Women's week is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of women who have had an impact on the church. Here, some UCC clergywomen reflect on the women who were formative in their faith stories from childhood on. What a great cloud of women witnesses surrounds us!

My preschool teacher, Kay Mitchell...took me with her to church when she realized my parents were never going to. (Jane Sorenson)

Katie Weisenheimer met me after school in our church's fellowship hall. She played the piano, and I sang from the hymnal. She was an always-single woman. I might have been the daughter she would never have. Or she might have sensed the unhealthy environment of my home.

Whichever, she enabled me to live God and the church. (Diane Snowa)

My mom, Yolanda Rosas waited 25 years until her church recognized women's call to ministry and ordained her. I asked her why she waited so long? I would have left right away! She said, "someone had to make a way for you and your sister." God and she made a way for me and for so many! (Nancy Rosas)

Amelia Altenbaumer was our neighbor and distant relative...I loved being around her, swinging on her porch swing with her and sitting on the piano bench while she sang and played the piano. One time she asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I was about five years old at the time. I said a minister. Without hesitation her response was, "That's such a noble profession." She watered the seed God had planted... (Paula Compton)

Peggy Cleveland, a lay Presbyterian woman, who served as a missionary in Zaire and came back fully understanding the intersections of race and gender and colonialism which she infused into her work as Director of the Women's Center at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, when I was a student at Pacific School of Religion in the 70's. (Loey Powell)

Ann Landers, who, when I thought I was too old to enter seminary, advised someone that time would pass whether or not they pursued the degree they wanted. They could be four years older with the degree or without it. I started filling out applications immediately. It was a message from God to me. (Ellen Witko)