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Resurrection





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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

Ellie Svenson

Jean Mueller

Doug and Amy Yakel

Lana Biondo

Florence Simonson

Joyce Ruiz

Jackie Eiffert

Marilyn McDougall and

Lara Reed

Keith and Kari Borgemann

Greg Schmelig

Nancy Litzinger

Jim and Polly Winkelmann

*In memory of Eleanor and
Peter Petri*

*Carol Cobb in memory of
those who died in Ukraine*

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

4/21 DOMBEK, Charles & Claire (43)

Birthdays

4/19 CARTER, Cameron

4/20 BYERLY, Rachel

4/19 RUSSELL, Carol

4/23 BIEST, Warren

4/19 TOOMBS IV, Gene

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

*Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.

Meditation

Live like Jesus did, and the world will listen. ~Mahatma Gandhi

Flowering the Cross

Please place your flower in the cross anytime now or during the Prelude or Welcome Song.

Welcome

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Many: **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Prelude *Prelude in C Major*—L.Bottazzo, arr. by Carlo Rossini

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song #113—*Christ the Lord is Risen Today, v1-2*



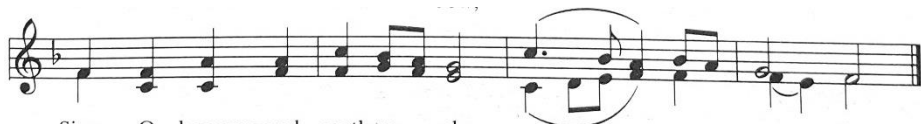
1. “Christ the Lord is risen to - day!”
2. Love’s re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!



All cre - a - tion, join to say;
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Praise to You by both be given;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
Death in vain for - bids Him rise;
Je - sus died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
Ev - ery knee to You shall bow,



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118, selected verses (The Message)

Jackie Eiffert

Thank God because God is good, because God's love never quits. Tell the world, "God's love never quits."

Pushed to the wall, I called to God; from the wide open spaces, God answered. God is now at my side and I'm not afraid; who would dare lay a hand on me? God is my strong champion; I flick off my enemies like flies.

Far better to take refuge in God than trust in people; far better to take refuge in God than trust in celebrities.

I was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall, when God grabbed and held me.

God is my strength and also my song, and now God is my salvation. Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs in the camp of the saved.

"The hand of God has turned the tide! The hand of God is raised in victory!"

I didn't die. I *lived*! And now I'm telling the world what God did. I was tested, I was pushed hard.

Swing wide the city gates—the righteous gates! I'll walk right through and thank God! This Temple Gate belongs to God, so the victors can enter and praise.

Thank you for responding to me; you've truly become my salvation! The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone!

This is God's work. We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it! This is the very day God acted—let's celebrate and be festive! Salvation now, God. Salvation now! Oh yes, God—a free and full life!

*Call to Worship

One: We had a festive parade last Sunday. We were waving palms, shedding our cloaks, balloons, streamers.

Many: And then day by day—it began to get dim, tangled, dark. We have experienced despair, desertion, dread.

One: We have been hunkered down—waiting, watching, wondering where Jesus has been these last couple of days.

Many: We locked ourselves away. Real fear took hold and it was hard to shake. We were frozen, numb.

One: Then this morning things began to look and feel different. We are awakening to a new reality. Can it be?

Many: We are being swept up in this fresh piece of the story, this breaking news. Death is not the final answer. For sure it still stings, but it is not our undoing.

One: We are humbled and holy. We are resurrection people. We can carry this burst of life and love forward with our words and our actions.

Many: God comes to us as the stone has been rolled away—again. Jesus is alive. This is the moment. We knew it was coming—and yet our belief faltered from time to time.

One: So let's gather our compassion, calm and creativity. Let's put into practice our limitless love, set out for courageous action and stretch our understanding and wisdom with spirited inquiry.

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

***Song** #123—*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Choir offers this introduction then we all sing hymn together:

On this, a holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise,

In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which He en - dured,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;	Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as God's love;	Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's King,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,	Al - le - lu - ia!



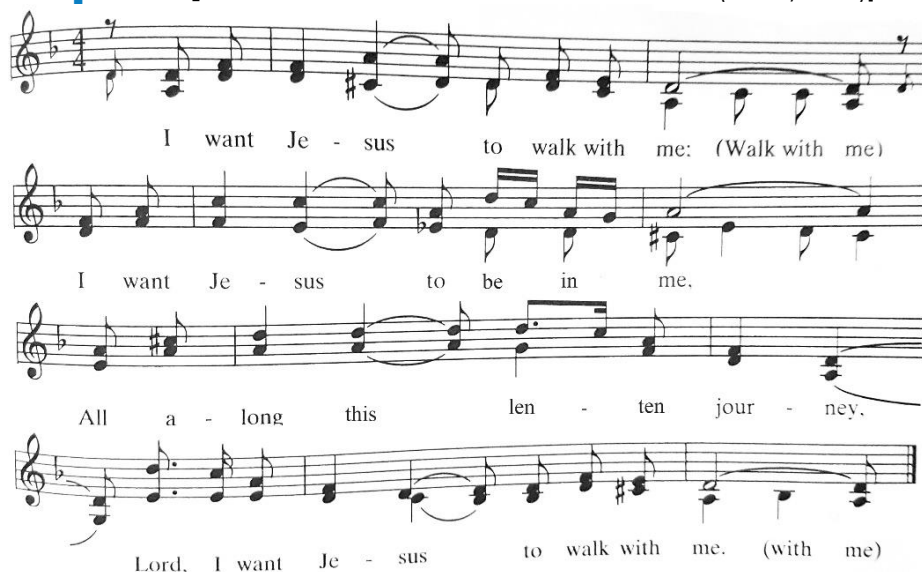
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.	Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we made this Lenten journey with Jesus, watching him and listening to him the whole way. We saw who Jesus is – so that we can be more like him. 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 [tune: #363—*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (red hymnal)]



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

Blessing the Children

A-la-la-la-la-le-luia! A-la-la-la-la-le-lu!

Following the service today we will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt with the children. We ask parents to pick up their children in Fellowship Hall and go with them on the hunt. There will be appropriate eggs for toddlers in a separate area from the older children. We will wait to start the hunt until parents are with their children. Happy Easter everyone!

Mission Moment 2nd Mile Lent

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

Offering Our Gifts to God *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Traditional Tanzanian Tune, arr. by Hal Hopson | Text by Bernard Kyamanywa

Christ is arisen, alleluia! Rejoice and praise God, alleluia!

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death dispelling its gloom.

(Chorus) Let us sing praise to God with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting God has come to destroy.

Jesus had risen, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst

Until its strength by God was dispersed. God who gives life did death undergo,

And in its conquest God's love did show. (Chorus)

The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare,

Only the grave-cloths are lying there." (Chorus)

"Go spread the news; He's not in the grave.

He has arisen, this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done.

Even the battle death is won."

(Alleluia) Let us sing praise to God with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting God has come to destroy.

Jesus had risen, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Christ is alive! Sing and rejoice! Alleluia!

Response

Praise God for visions great and small,

Praise God who calls us one and all,

Praise God whose Spirit gives new sight,

Praise God who fills our lives with light. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

God of great gifts, with resurrection reverberating in our hearts and minds, we present these gifts to You, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come. We pray that this gesture of generosity will germinate and lead us further into lives of lavish loving in all shapes and sizes. Amen.

Gospel Lessons *Jackie Eiffert*

John 20:19-22

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:1-18 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to God. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to God, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

Mark 4:35-40 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re drowning?”

He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, “Silence! Be still!” The wind settled down and there was a great calm. Jesus asked them, “Why are you frightened? Don’t you have faith yet?”

Moment of Silent Reflection

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 *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout

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

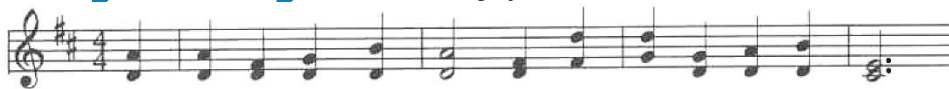
[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we give You thanks for this simple and sacred meal. It informs, nurtures and inspires us now. We become more Christ-like as we receive from his life and love. We feel Your Spirit shaping and guiding us. Heighten our senses so that we are more and more available to You and to one another. We want to be all about Your love with all we have been given. Amen.

*Song of Parting #118—*The Day of Resurrection*



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,



Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth

Fanfare on Jesus Christ Is Risen Today—arr. John A. Behnke (1953),
Based on Easter Hymn, from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

Announcements

TAD—Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue April 19

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:45 Fellowship | 2:00pm book discussion | via ZOOM
Please join TAD as we continue discussing *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City*. Contact Jacki Eiffert: jeiffert2@gmail.com
Video: us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09
Phone: 312 626 6799 | **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007

Next Week: Speaker Series April 24

Select Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room & Zoom
Recently, Ellie Svenson, a Parkway member, came across notes, she made to herself, as she contemporaneously reacted to and recorded her impressions of some turbulent times in America from 1967 to 1974. Remember the walk on the moon, more troops in Vietnam, then the pullout, the secret war in Cambodia, the Supreme Court's approval of school busing, Kent State, passage of the Civil Rights Act, Nixon goes to China, Watergate, Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford becomes President, and pardons Nixon, and on and on.

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. Where were you on July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong put his left foot on the lunar surface and famously declared, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind?"
Join us this Sunday for a live conversation in the Heritage Room.

Zoom if you aren't able to be with us in person—

Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkw0EzV0VHV1lyQT09
Meeting ID: 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

TED—Tuesday Evening Dialogue April 26

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:00pm Potluck | 7:00pm Book discussion | Heritage Room
Please join us on dinner and fellowship as we continue to discuss the book *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. This will be our final session with this book. We will be covering section starting with Willie on page 199 to the end of the book. Hope you will join us for a fun evening of food and lively discussion!
Contact Helen Race: raceh@att.net

IIRC Welcomes Family from Afghanistan



The Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle has been helping the Afghan family to acclimate to living in the US. Read more about this family of six and how you can continue to support them:
<https://parkwayucc.org/about/intertwine-interfaith/>

Go AWOL with us—Adventurous Women Out Late

Help us build community and enjoy one another's company!
Questions? Carmen Bumgarner (cfbum@charter.net; 314-330-0813)

Friday, April 22 | 6:00pm | Dinner at Walnut Grill – Ellisville

1386 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011

We may eat outside - depending on weather and group consensus.

<https://eatwalnut.com/location/ellisville-mo/>

(Please RSVP by April 17)

Sat, May 21 | 1:00pm | Chinese Cultural Days | Missouri Botanical Garden

Meet us there at the Garden at 1pm or carpool from church at 12:30pm

Admission: \$16 Non-member adults

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/event-details/sreventid/1565.aspx>

(Please RSVP by April 24)

Saturday, June 25 | Movie Night at local theater—TBA

We will meet there at theater or at church at 6:30pm to carpool.

(Please RSVP by midnight Thursday)

Wednesday, August 3 | *The Color Purple* at the MUNY (largest outdoor musical theatre in North America)

The Color Purple makes its Muny debut!

Ticket prices and details coming soon.

(Please RSVP by April 24) Carmen Bumgarner cfbum@charter.net

Intertwine Interfaith Iftar Dinner 2022

As the Holy Month of Ramadan is upon us, Congregation Shaare Emeth, Parkway United Church of Christ and the Turkish American Society of Missouri invite you to attend our Intertwine Interfaith Iftar Dinner. We are so excited that this will be our very first large in-person gathering since the pandemic physically distanced us.

Iftar Dinners bring individuals from different religious and cultural communities together to learn about the significance of the month of Ramadan in Islam, engage in friendly table conversation, and break fast with an Iftar dinner. All faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Iftar is the name for a community dinner held daily after sunset to mark the end of a day of fasting. Ramadan, the ninth month in the Muslim calendar, is a special time for the Muslim community. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims worldwide fast from dawn to sunset to achieve greater self-discipline, self-purification, and compassion for those less fortunate.

We hope you can join us at Shaare Emeth.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2022 using this link...

<https://congregationshaareemeth.shulcloud.com/form/intertwine-interfaith-iftardinner>

This is a free event but a \$10.00 donation per person is appreciated to cover the cost of food.

Ramadan Mubarak!

UCC HABITAT NEWS

UCC Workdays to begin again in May, June and July.

Covid has been hard on Habitat STL. Wanting to keep workers and staff safe, volunteer participation has been limited.

But beginning in late Spring or early Summer, we are expecting to have Saturday workdays with 10-12 participants once a month.

HabitatSTL Staff changes

Family circumstance has caused several long term employees of Habitat to join their families in other communities this year. Habitat is in process of replacing those workers, familiar faces to some of us. We wish them well in their new communities and jobs.



The picture above shows the entry ramp at the rear of both houses

Samuel's Habitat Auction Raised over \$8400 for our UCC Habitat Build!

After Covid forced Samuel to cancel it's annual St. Pat's Lunch and Dinner because of Covid, members of Samuel and UCC supporters donated items and bid against each other to raise a little cash to help build one more affordable home for a St. Louis family.

Thank you to those who gave services and items and those who pushed their friends and neighbors to raise the bid.

A Habitat Supporter from North Carolina was among those bidders and bought a Cardinal basket!



More about the houses on Park

Work is slowly moving along on the two houses that our UCC Churches have worked on. Families are in place. Insulation will be installed this week and drywall shortly thereafter.

The houses will blend in beautifully with the other houses on the block. Both are accessible on the main floor (bedroom, bath, laundry, kitchen and living room. One will have three additional bedrooms and the other will have four.

The picture on the right looks through the living room to the kitchen just before insulation begins.

PLEASE Keep Habitat Worker Lawrence and his family in Prayer

Lawrence and his wife have an 11 month old daughter who is in cancer treatment and is doing well.

UCC Churches gave **\$75,676** to the UCC Build in 2021!

Send 2022 Gifts to:

Tim Weaver

At

Samuel UCC

320 N. Forsyth Blvd

Clayton, MO 63105

Make checks Payable to UCC Habitat Build



2nd Mile Lent & Easter 2022

Go the 2nd Mile with us!

We are pleased to announce that Parkway is again supporting 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. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

Lydia's House | lydiashouse.org

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.

UP—Unleashing Potential | neighborhoodhouses.org

For more than 100 years, UP (formerly **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.

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!

Heifer International | heifer.org

Heifer International helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability—project partners achieving self-reliance. They become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves.

Eden Seminary | eden.edu

Eden Theological Seminary is a graduate school preparing women and men for ordained Christian ministry. It is committed to the study of theology in the context of the ecumenical Christian community and the contemporary interfaith world. 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. 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.

Earth Day Every Day: How to Get Involved This Earth Day

Earth Day is coming Friday, April 22, and this year's theme is *Invest in Our Planet*. Regardless of how you choose to invest, there's never been a more important time to celebrate this holiday. As humans run short on time to curb climate change and prevent catastrophic calamity, it's important for everyone to take serious, bold actions toward a sustainable future.

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/>

Fortunately, there are many ways to get involved, whether you join a local event, host something on your own, or simply celebrate at home.

Contact Polly Rutherford: pollyrutherford@gmail.com

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Celebrations

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

Lenten and Holy Week Journey.

Pat & Janet Prendergast - his recent scan indicates he is cancer-free.

Emma Ross - accepted into the Vet School at Mizzou.

Ian Mason - new wknd meteorologist KNOP (NBC) N. Platte, Nebraska.

Concerns

Gladys Sims family - as they prep for Russ' Memorial Service this Saturday at noon - *Old Barn Inn* in St. Albans. All are invited to attend.

Family/friends of Conrad Damsgaard – grieving/giving thanks...

Visitation 2pm; Memorial Svc 3pm and a meal - Sunday, April 24 - PUCC

Jane Winter and Family as they grieve and give thanks for Don.

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

Joan Biest - in the midst of chemotherapy treatments.

Sharon Eissler - struggling with several health concerns (Rogers).

Jerry - breathing & heart issues (Stacy Weathers' uncle).

Lynda Ruby - living with cancer (Lindner).

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

The war in Ukraine.

The people of Sacramento and Brooklyn - after recent violence.

Continuing

Kathleen Tarr - foot surgery 3/25; crutches 10 days; boot 6 weeks.

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

Sally Boughman - last lumbar epidural steroid injection on 4/25.

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

Richard Gaillardetz - recent cancer diagnosis (Barnes).

Janet Schoedinger - chemotherapy for 3rd cancer battle (Litzinger).

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

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

Cherie & Mike Stolz - 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.

Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle - Afghan family in St Louis.

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]

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

Lucia McKenzie and John Bieg - engaged to be married.

The Shelton Family - as Killian prepares to welcome a baby sister.

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.

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 April 17 - **First Congregational UCC**, Memphis; firstcongo.com

Week ending April 24 - **Grace UCC**, St Louis; graceuccstl.org

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

April 17, 2022

John 20:1-18

Resurrection Joy

A Litany in Word and Song for Easter Day.

Reader: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen indeed!

Reader: We raise our voices in song because we cannot keep silent.

People: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ! This is the good news of the resurrection!

All voices sing:

People rise up and praise our God!

People rise up and see what God has done!

People rise up and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: On that first Easter day so long ago, the women crept to the tomb, expecting to find the body of their beloved friend and teacher. Instead, they were astonished to find that God had once again done the unexpected - turned death into life.

People: And they went away singing, "This is the good news of the resurrection!"

All Voices Sing:

Let us sing out with praise to God!

Let us sing out, the stone has rolled away,

Let us sing out and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ.

Reader: The story they told that day continued to be told and retold, across borders and through generations. This is a story that transcends time and space. This is a story that brings freedom to the imprisoned, power to the meek and hope for the despairing.

People: And today we continue to sing together the good news of our Risen Savior! Hallelujah!

All voices sing:

Shout and then dance for God is good!

Shout and then dance, new life has come from death,

Shout and then dance and bless the name of the Lord.

"People Rise Up" From *Sing Prayer and Praise*

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