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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: Sue Stohr

Today's Scripture Reader: Carol Cobb

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

5/25 SPERRY, Brenda & Doug (20)

5/28 HOGARTY, Kevin & Rosanna (33)

Birthdays

5/23 MASTERSON, Jamie

5/29 MCKENZIE, Tom

Mental Health Support

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK)

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911)

800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back... www.crisistextline.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 22, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *Why is it that I can talk about a fire and brimstone God and no one bats an eye, but if I talk about selling things and giving the money to the poor, people won't forgive me or give me a voice? ~Gene Robinson*

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 *Prelude in F Major*—L. Bottazzo (1845-1924)

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introit *With You, Our God*—from Taizé: Song for Prayer

Scripture Psalm 67 (CEB - Common English Bible)

Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God's face shine on us, so that God's way becomes known on earth, so that salvation becomes known among all the nations.

Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you. Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth. Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!

The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us—our God blesses us! Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor God.

***Call to Worship** Gordon Light and Mark Miller

One:	Come draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: <i>no one stands alone</i> . Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide...
Many:	God the still-point of the circle, round you all creation turns. Nothing lost but held forever in God's gracious arms.
One:	Let our hearts touch far horizons; so encompass great and small. Let our loving know no borders; faithful to God's call.
Many:	Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before. Let the dream of Christ be in us. Open every door!
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #482*



1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

***Opening Prayer** based on Psalm 67

Holy One, be gentle with us, and bless us - and cover us with the radiance of grace. May your ways be known everywhere: in the hidden places of our hearts; in the comfort of our homes; in every corner of our world; in the farthest reaches of creation. You transform us; you heal our lives; you renew the earth and every creature: Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy! 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.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Scripture John 14:23-29 (CEB – Common English Bible)

Jesus answered, “Whoever loves me will keep my word. God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word that you hear isn’t mine. It is the word of the one who sent me.

“I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid. You have heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away and returning to you.’ If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to God, because God is greater than me. I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace #2171*



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
there’s de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in



where there’s doubt, true faith in you. _____
where there’s sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____
dy - ing that we’re born to e-ter-nal life. _____

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek _____ so
 much to be con-soled as to con-sole. _____ To be
 un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, _____ to be
 loved as to love with all my soul. _____ D.C.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

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

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering *Go and Tell the People*—arr. Allen Pote

***Response** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #593

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures
 here be-low; Praise God a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and
 Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.
 A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication Iona Community

Holy One, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth—and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied. We believe that, despite the persistence of burden and challenge, now is always the time when more good can be done—and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

*Song of Parting Bring Forth the Kingdom #2190



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the



Kin - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Kin - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Kin - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the Kin - dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the Kin - dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Kin - dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the Kin - dom of God!



Bring forth the Kin - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



Kin - dom of peace; bring forth the Kin - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God! _____

*Benediction

*Music for Going Forth

Bb Major Mosso (Postlude)—L. Bottazzo (1845-1924)

Announcements

TODAY, May 22: Speaker Series

The Environment, Journalism, and Some Neglected Aspects of American Life

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

Our speaker, Don Corrigan, is a humorist and person of many interests. He is the author of a number of books the former Editor in Chief of the Webster-Kirkwood Times, and a long time friend of PUCer Mark Sableman. We expect Don to begin his remarks speaking about the environment, journalism, and some neglected aspects of American Life. Where that then leads him (and us) is anybody's guess. But that is a good thing. Come and see.

Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkw0EzV0VHVH1yQT09
Meeting ID: 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

Next Week, May 29: Speaker Series

Though the Earth Should Change: The Urgency of Outdoor Worship in an Era of Ecological Crisis

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

How might our practices of worship help us to make the enormous changes that will be needed to ease the impact of global warming? What kind of worship practices will help us to cope as climate disasters increase in severity and frequency? Join in conversation Sunday, May 29th with Eden Seminary Professor Christopher Grundy as he makes the case for more frequent and earth-honoring outdoor worship during the climate crisis of the coming decades.

Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkw0EzV0VHVH1yQT09
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TAD—Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue June 7

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

TAD will discuss the first half of the novel *The Mammy*. "Mammy" is what Irish children call their mothers, and *The Mammy* is Agnes Browne—a widow struggling to raise seven children in a North Dublin neighborhood in the 1960s. We'll read about poverty from a different perspective, in a different country and era from our last book. **Video:**

[hus02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMiU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMiU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09)
Phone: 312 626 6799 | **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007

TED—Tuesday Evening Dialogue

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:00pm Potluck | 7:00pm Book discussion | Heritage Room

Please join us on dinner and fellowship. We continue our discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wells Kimmerer. Please join us. (We ask that you use the Harper entry at the back of the building to avoid disturbing rehearsal of the children's choir.)

Contact Barbara Harris: barbharris@charter.net

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Celebrations

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

2022 Grads

Weas Family - Dan just received very good news from his oncologist.

Oehler Family - preparing for Grant & Callie's wedding on May 28.

Concerns

Joan Biest - in the midst of challenging chemotherapy treatments.

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.

Racial violence in the US.

Infant and Baby Formula shortage across the US.

Palestinian – Jewish conflict.

Women's Justice issues.

Continuing

Lori Connors and Bill Schulenburg - healing for broken arms.

Kathleen Tarr - healing after recent foot surgery.

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

Jackie - special needs adult battling Parkinson's, cancer, and dementia (sister/sister-in-law of Nick & Sue McMillon).

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

Lynda Ruby - living with cancer (Lindner).

Val - strength and patience (Jim Winkelmann's 101 year-old mother).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges... Bill is in the midst of the lengthy prep process for extensive back surgery.

Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease.

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.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending May 22 - **Hope UCC**, St Louis; hopeuccstl.org

Week ending May 29 - **Unleashing Potential** - UP, St Louis; upstl.org

(Formerly Neighborhood Houses)

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]

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.

Peace and Justice near and far... **US Military** around the globe.

Environmental Inspiration

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together ...all things connect. ~Chief Seattle

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. ~Jane Goodall

6th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Acts 16:9-15

Disciples Together

Rural Life Sunday

In today's reading, Paul gets called to Macedonia, which is far from the urban centers he has known. On this rural life Sunday, we celebrate pastors in rural communities, who also answer calls far from cities. Today, a few of those pastors reflect on the joys and challenges of being a rural church pastor.

Dana Schindler, whose church recently celebrated 150 years together, says that a joy is that members feel a real connection to the church. A challenge is related to the joy. Almost everyone is related and it can be difficult for new people who are not members of the 2 main families to feel accepted.

Whitney Prose Bruno writes, "We really are family. (Often literally.) Everyone knows everyone. This means you're welcomed with flaws and merits both. But the challenge is that rural churches like most organizational groups are in decline. An urban congregation has the opportunity to share church space with other congregations, and nonprofits. Community continues. A rural congregation does not. If the handful stop meeting, there's not another socialization and community for the elderly (not online) members to join."

Rural churches understand the importance of feeding one another. Sara Bartlett gives thanks for the joy of shared vegetables from the many gardens in her community. Rev. Deanna Armstrong is proud of her small congregation which produced 200 pounds of food in its community garden. In a drought, at 6,200 feet of elevation.

Family and food are blended with a good bit of humor, too. Rev. Kimberly Shrader, who serves a two-point charge in Maine, says wryly, "The smaller of the churches I serve gave me a bit of a surprise when I first arrived. You see they have to turn the well pump off in late October, which means no restroom in the parish hall. The 200-year-old sanctuary building has no pumping at all. So, the worship service **MUST BE 45 minutes**, no longer, so they can get to the home of whomever is hosting fellowship."

When Paul received the call to Macedonia, the scripture tells us that he left for there, immediately. Whether they heard and answered the call at once, or responded more slowly, give thanks for rural pastors and the churches they serve today.