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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: Kari & Keith Borgmann in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Today's Scripture Readers: Marsha Peek and Val Detjen

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

6/5 TALLYN, Kent & Diane (24)

6/11 BIEST, Scott & Kelly (28)

Birthdays

6/5 BRUEGGEMANN, Paige

6/8 HOOD, Finn

6/5 DISCHINGER, Doug

6/8 HOOD, Oliver

6/7 DISCHINGER, Sally

6/9 LIVENGOOD, Ross

6/7 STOHR, Paul

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

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 5, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation

The early Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit “the wild goose.” And the reason why is they knew that you cannot tame it. ~John Eldredge

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

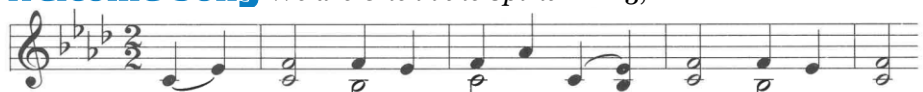
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

Choral Introit *Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour*

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *We are One in the Spirit #2223, v 1-2*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.



yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Scripture John 14: 15-17 (NRSV—New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. God will give you another advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees or knows. You know because the Spirit abides with you and will be in you.”

*Call to Worship

One: Come Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence.

Many: For God has done wondrous things!

One: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind - that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

Many: For Christ has called each of us and has blessed us.

One: Come Holy Spirit! Be with us today!

Many: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ is risen!

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

*Song Spirit of God #2117, v 1-3



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



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and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
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all liv - ing things. _____	For when we live
one warm em - brace. _____	No mat - ter where
love ev - ery - where. _____	We can - not fail
power of your wings. _____	Born of your grace

to sing, lift-ed on soar-ing wing,
 your peace, cap-tives will find re-lease,
 we go, you hold us to-geth-er so,
 or fall, or know de-feat at all,
 we rise, love shin-ing in our eyes,

held in your hands, borne on your wings. —

Refrain
 Al-le-lu-ia!

1 2
 Come, Spir-it, come! come!

*Opening Prayer

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.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.


Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Amen.


*Response *Spirit of God #2217, v 4-5*

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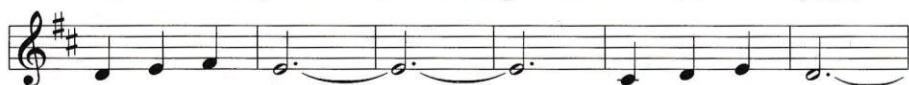
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or fall, or know de - feat at all,)
we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,)



held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. _



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!



1 2

Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

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.**

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Interlude *A Mighty Wind Came Blowing*

Music by Lloyd Larson; Words by Mary Kay Beall

***Response** *Make Me a Servant #2176*



Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek, Lord, let me



*Prayer of Dedication

Now, Holy Spirit, ever one with God Creator and God the Son, pour forth into our hearts, the fullness of your grace today. Spill out of us your generosity and kindness. Call us to acts of justice and joy for all your people, our people. Amen.

Scripture Acts 2, selected verses (MSG - The Message)

When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, the ruah, no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through the crowd, and they started speaking in different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then for the Festival of Shavuot, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various tongues?"

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene.

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites. Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. Even Cretans and Arabs.

They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!

That's when Peter stood up and spoke out with bold urgency, "All of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get the story straight. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

In the last days, God says, "I will pour out me Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy."

Those who were listening asked Peter and the other disciples, "So now what do we do?"

Peter said, “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Receive the Holy Spirit. The promise is to you and your children, but also to all who are far away-whomever, in fact, our God invites.” That day about 3000 took him at his word, were baptized. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Message

Song of Reflection Spirit #319

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, Blow through the
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,
spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id-ness, Wind,
wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
- 2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient

deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the
schemes. From the bond - age of sor - row The

val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -
law and a land, And when they were blind -
whole world was still, And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

ons You called to each thing, "A -
 ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
 y You called once a - gain When You
 sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

wake from your slum - bers And
 spoke through Your proph - ets To
 blew through Your peo - ple On the
 hold new de - ci - sions Your
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rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

Prayer Litany *Spirit Alive in Me*—Judy Judd

One: Spirit, you are alive in me.

Many: And sometimes I am afraid.

One: Spirit, you are alive in me. And you are always here. Always moving, always calling – and yet often I am unaware.

Many: And sometimes I am afraid.

One: Afraid of the task. Afraid of caring. Afraid of responsibility. Afraid of myself.

Many: Spirit, you are alive in me.

One: And I will let you lead me. And I will hear you call me. And I will journey with you – even when I am afraid.

All: Spirit, you are alive in me, and I am alive in you.

Call to Prayer

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.]

Invitation to the Holy Communion We invite *all* to this **open table**. All accepted—no exceptions—as we commit ourselves to limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

One: The Holy One is here.

Many: With us and before us.

One: Let us open our spirits to God.

Many: We come open and ready.

One: Give thanks to the Blessed One.

Many: We give our thanks and praise!

One: O God, our mother and father, bread baker and wine maker, we give you thanks and praise. You worked the world into being, instilled all creation with life, and shaped us as your people. With all of creation we sing your praise.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Act of Institution

Consecration

Call to the Lord's Supper

Communion—Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Holy Spirit, as you enter us via this simple sacred meal, continue your work in and through us. Make us a dwelling place for you. Weave us together with one another. Move your love through us. Be in our thoughts, words and actions. Call us to move. Give us the energy of your Spirit. Amen.

***Song of Parting** *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*
I'm gonna *sing* when the Spirit says sing! (x3)
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.
I'm gonna *preach* when the Spirit says preach...
I'm gonna *pray* when the Spirit says pray...
I'm gonna *shout* when the Spirit says shout!...

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth**

Rev. Dr. Guangyu Lou was born and grew up in Beijing, China. He is married to Jun Zhao. They have one son, Ruohan Lou, who is a college student.

After pastor Lou graduated from Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing, he started to work with Beijing YMCA as the Director of Program and International Liaison Office in 1985. He then served as the Associate General Secretary of Beijing Christian Council for Overseas Ministries in 1993. He and his family came to the US and he studied at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2005. In the summer of 2008, he returned to Beijing China and served as a chaplain of the Beijing Olympic Games.

Pastor Lou received a Master of Art in Theology degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2008. He earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Eden Theological Seminary in 2010. Later he received a Master of Management and Leadership degree from Webster University in 2013.

After he graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in 2010, he was called to serve Samuel United Church of Christ as the outreach minister. He was ordained at Samuel UCC in August 2016 and continued to serve at Samuel Church as Associate Pastor until 2019.

He has been serving as a co-worker with Global Ministries of UCC in support of its partnership with the Church in China since 2019. He also volunteered to serve St. Louis-Nanjing US-China Sister City Committee since 2015. Currently, he is serving Concordia Seminary as Coordinator for the International Student Services.

Announcements

Speaker Series

Modern Perspectives of a Native American by Simona Charles.

June 19, 2022 | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Heritage Room & Zoom

Simona Charles is a member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation (Nevada and Idaho), where she grew up. Ms. Charles now lives and works in this area after earning a Masters in Social Work at Washington University. Her presentation will focus on her experiences growing up on the reservation and her views of modern-day life as a Native American.

Should You Buy a Car Powered by Gas, an Electric Plug-in, a Hybrid, or One with Pedals? I Can Help. Kent Tallyn, presenter

June 26, 2022 | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Heritage Room & Zoom

"I believe that the auto industry will change more in the next 10 years, than it has in the previous 50 years." Mary Berra, CEO GM.

"The time is right for electric cars. In fact, the time is critical." Carlos Ghosn, Nissan Executive and International Fugitive.

"In order to have clean air, you have to have electric." Elon Musk, Tesla CEO and Noted Stock Market Manipulator.

"Electric cars are not pollution free. They have to get their energy from somewhere." Alexandra Paul, an American actress

So, what is the truth? Which of these folks knows what they are talking about? Come to this Speakers Series presentation and learn the truth from our own Kent Tallyn, one smart guy, who is always faithful in presenting a comprehensive, honest, and informative presentation. (Remember, he demystified solar power.) Be smart, be conscientious, be an informed consumer and responsible steward of our resources and attend this program as you dream about and plan the purchase of your next car.

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=bUxPZEeDMlU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09

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

We continue our discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wells Kimmerer. Please join us. (Please use Harper entry at the back of the building.) Contact Barbara Harris: barbharris@charter.net

Annual Meeting & Vitality Reboot

Sunday, June 12 | 11:15am

This serves as the official call to the Annual Congregational Meeting: Leadership in the sanctuary immediately following worship on June 12. Following our Annual Meeting, join us for ice cream and opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. Tables in the Gathering Space will have sign-up for volunteer positions needed right now. Other opportunities will follow later in 2023. Once you have reviewed all the great opportunities, please go to the back parking lot for an ice cream treat.

God's Fun Circus! Saturday, August 6, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Join us for a fun-filled day as we create a Circus! An exciting day of learning, playing and using the gifts God has given us. Ages 3 through entering 5th grade. Lunch will be provided. Let us know of any allergies. The circus we create will shared with family and friends at 2:45pm. So let's get together under the big top and create God's Fun Circus! Free for all!

Parkway Habitat Work Day

Saturday, September 10 | 7:45am – 3:00pm

Save the date. Parkway has been assigned a work date for this year. Parkway will be allowed 4 workers for Saturday, September 10. It seems like a long time away, but hopefully the slots will be filled quickly.

Please consider donating to Habitat. Checks for our UCC Build should be made out to UCC HABITAT BUILD and sent to Tim Weaver c/o Samuel UCC 320 N. Forsyth Blvd, Clayton 63105.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Celebrations

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

2022 Grads

Teachers, Administrators and families as the school year ends.

Oehler Family - Grant & Callie's wedding took place over the wkend.

Ellie Svenson - back home after time in a care center after a stroke.

Concerns

Joan Biest - chemotherapy treatment #6 of 6 on June 9.

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 people of Uvalde, Texas.

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

Jackie - special needs adult battling Parkinson's, cancer, and dementia.

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.

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

Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

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]

Glady 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.

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.

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-21

Gathered and Scattered

Strengthen the Church Offering

The church year begins with Advent - the four weeks before Christmas. Then there is a short season of Christmastide, followed by Epiphany. Lent is the next season of the church year, which culminates in Holy Week and Easter. Eastertide, the season that follows Easter ends with Pentecost, which is today. After this, the church is in the long season known as Ordinary Time that lasts until Advent begins again in midwinter.

In thinking of the church year, for many churches, Easter is the high point of the year. With its majestic music, resurrection message, shiny new dresses and egg hunts, it can feel like it's all downhill from there. Pentecost can be easy to miss, just a stop on the way to the long stretch of ordinary time. But what if we framed it in a new way? What if Pentecost day - TODAY - was not a steppingstone but the culmination of all that we have been preparing for and the beginning of a new adventure?

On the first Pentecost Day, the disciples, mourning the perceived loss of Jesus and the life they had known with him, were ready to give up. Then the Spirit arrived! When they felt the Spirit's presence, they were infused with new energy. New gifts flowed from them, giving them the power to speak to their neighbors of all languages. Even Peter, who had barely been able to put a sentence together until now, suddenly preached with flowing eloquence. The church received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, and everyone paid attention.

Like the disciples, we, in these post-pandemic days, are mourning what we have lost and are trying to adjust to the new normal of the lives we have now. Now, more than ever, let us receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, more than ever, let us perceive how that Spirit is already at work, empowering the gifts of our congregation. Now, more than ever, let us speak in the languages that those around us need to hear - a message of salvation and love that only we can tell.

Today, many churches receive The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.