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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 Scripture Reader: Jackie Eiffert

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer. A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop work and join in prayer.

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)
24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 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

Anniversaries

- 11/1 DEGROOTE, Steve & Joan (36)
- 11/4 SCHERRER, Richard & Betty (49)

Birthdays

- 11/2 BARNES, Steve
- 11/2 WAITE, Oscar
- 11/3 BOWERMASTER, Tod
- 11/4 NGUYEN, Pauline
- 11/5 ROSENBERGER, Cassie

21st Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, October 30, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *To believe is to care. To care is to do.* ~UCC motto

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

Based on tune first seen in Geistliche Kirchengesung, Cologne, 1623

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

*Song *Here I Am, Lord* #525



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|----|-------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1. | I, the Lord | of sea and sky, | I have heard | My peo - ple cry. |
| 2. | I, the Lord | of snow and rain, | I have borne | My peo - ple's pain. |
| 3. | I, the Lord | of wind and flame, | I will tend | the poor and lame. |



All who dwell in deep - est sin	My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them,	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them,	My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide	Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them?	Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them.	Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them.	Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard You call - ing in the night I will
 go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your
 peo - ple in my heart.

*Opening Prayer

Holy one, we gather briefly so we can scatter again soon. We will take what we have learned here and act. We are reminded again of why we go. You call us and equip us for reaching out. Send us with your love to be a blessing. 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.

Scripture Matthew 25: 31-45 (CEB – Common English Bible)

“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then those who are righteous will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil

and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.’

Reflection

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer sung to the tune by Nate Stout

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

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

Offering Our Gifts to God

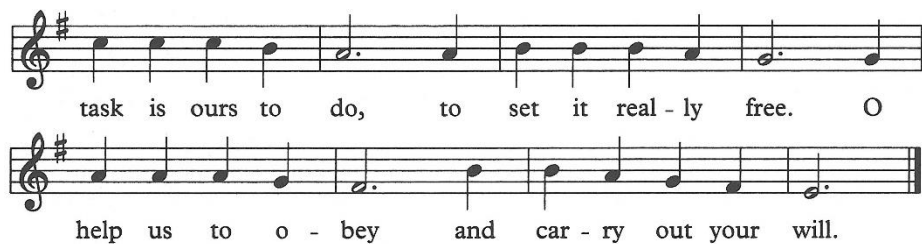
If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the communion table anytime. There are also offering plates in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity. You are an offering.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you have filled us with life and love. Now send us out to share these gifts with others; in the name of Jesus, our model and motivation. Amen.

*Song of Parting *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* #2184

Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -
to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The



*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Organ improvisations based on the familiar Welsh folk tune.

Announcements

TODAY! Trunk or Treat Sun, Oct 30 | 5:00—6:00pm | Parking Lot
This year we will feature games, hotdogs, popcorn and of course, a costume parade with lots of trunks and treats! If you would like to help, or have questions or suggestions, please contact Gerry Rogers at 314-434-7122 or gcr123055@gmail.com Thank you!

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 2:00—3:00pm
Join us November 1 as we complete *Travel As a Political Act: How to Leave Your Baggage Behind* by Rick Steves. In this illuminating collection of stories and lessons from the road, acclaimed travel writer Rick Steves shares a powerful message that resonates now more than ever. Royalties from the sale of the book are donated to support the work of Bread for the World, a non-partisan organization working to end hunger at home and abroad. Contact Jackie Eiffert: jeiffert2@gmail.com | 661-378-6781

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMlU4ay9oNndTWw4yZUYwUT09> **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007 | **Dial:** (312) 626-6799

Communications Team Reboot Wed, Nov 2 | 7:00pm | Zoom
Now that we are meeting in person and resuming many of our pre-pandemic activities, we are also resuming our Communications Team. We welcome people with a background or expertise in marketing, journalism, graphic design, photography, videography, blogging, social media and website creation/maintenance. We will discuss our goals and how to achieve them through our publications, signage and online presence. We are looking to refresh our website and make our social media involvement more robust and engaging. Join us for a fun and productive planning meeting.

Contact Mona Herberg: mona@parkwayucc.org | 314-872-9330

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkwZDZlV0VhV1lyQT09>; **Meeting ID:** 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

Adventurous Men Out Early – AMOE

Thursday, November 3 | 8:30am | Heritage Room

Men of Parkway, are you envious of Adventurous Women Out Late (AWOL)? Are you in search of coffee and a donut, lively conversation, and access to rumor and gossip? Consider becoming a founding member of a new Parkway group - AMOE.

Interested? Come to our first organizational meeting and express your thoughts on how to constitute the group. Where will we meet? What time is best? How often? Is there a better name for the group?

Questions/comments before the meeting? Talk to Richard Scherrer or reach out to him at 314.591.6803 or 90fivetpr@gmail.com. Relax; this is not complicated. No need to RSVP.

Intertwine Interfaith Morning of Service Saturday, November 5
Gather with our Muslim and Jewish siblings from TASOM (Turkish American Society of Missouri) and Shaare Emeth for a morning of community service in three locations TBA. Some people may choose to gather for lunch at Tapi's on Vandeventer. More information to come! Shalom-Salaam-Peace

We are looking for 8 people to help straighten up and organize items at **Baitulmal - House of Goods...** 5911 Southwest Ave, STLMO 63139
Noticing a dire need in the community and city, two police chaplains and members of the Islamic Foundation of Saint Louis got together and started a non-profit organization called **Baitulmal**, which translates to House of Goods or Wealth.

The basic premise was to collect items that would then be given to any person in need who walked through the door, free. The response was so great that several businesses donated to this cause. One business owner donated brand new shoes from her shoe business, others donated items such as rice, oil, flour. In five months, we had so many things we had to purchase a new warehouse site.

Meet at **Baitulmal** at 9:30am. We will work for approx two hours.

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We are seeking 10 people to prep & serve a meal to local residents in Florissant at **Project Downtown...** 6809 W Florissant Ave, STLMO 63136
Changing Lives, One Meal at a Time

Project Downtown's mission is to provide essential services to unhoused individuals and impoverished communities in the St. Louis area because every person - all creeds, backgrounds and races - has a right to quality food, shelter, and support.

Meet at **Project Downtown** at 10am sharp. We will work for approx three hours.

** Not able to join us on Saturday morning? Consider a minority owned restaurant in St Louis or wherever you are next weekend.....

The Intertwiners volunteering at **Baitulmal** might head to **Yapi Mediterranean Subs & Sandwiches** at 17 S. Vandeventer, StL 63108... the owners are the lovely people who run **Baitulmal**
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100060497984720>

The Intertwiners helping at **Project Downtown** might head to **Cathy's Kitchen** - 250 S Florissant Rd, Ferguson 63135; <https://cathyskitchen.net/>

We will worship in the Historic Sanctuary next Sunday at 10am (The service will also be on Facebook Live.) We will celebrate All Saints Day. Please bring (or send to kevin@parkwayucc.org if you won't be here) a framed photo of loved one(s) as we remember, grieve and give thanks.

Speaker Series Nov 6—The History of Voting Rights

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

Nancy Price, with The League of Women's Voters, is a frequent lecturer on elections and is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Missouri. The League's mission is empowering voters and defending democracy, critical goals in these times of election deniers following the 2020 presidential election. Be an informed voter and attend this timely and important presentation.

TED—Everything Happens for a Reason November 8

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

Please join us for our next Tuesday Evening Dialogue in our concluding discussion of the book *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. We will also be choosing our next book selection. Newcomers are always welcome!

Contact Helen Race for more info: raceh@att.net | (314) 401-4382

ATOMIC HOMEFRONT Coldwater Creek, Bridgeton, MO

Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) sponsored documentary
[Presented by Citizens of Coldwater Creek](#)

Thursday, November 10 | 6:30pm | Westport Playhouse

You're invited to our upcoming screening of Atomic Homefront, which documents the citizens of Coldwater Creek in Bridgeton, Missouri who want answers about the radioactive waste dumped in neighborhood landfills. The screening will take place at Westport Playhouse. Doors open at 6:30PM, screening begins at 7PM. Carpool is in the works. Ask us about it.

Contact Polly Rutherford | pollyrutherford@gmail.com | (636) 532-8118

We Voted...So Now What? RESULTS Outreach Meeting

Thu | Nov 17 | 7:00-8:30pm | Heritage Room

Whether your candidates win or lose, you can use your voice to influence members of Congress to fight poverty even after Election Day! Join non-partisan RESULTS volunteers in advocating for improved health, education, and better opportunity in the U.S. and around the world.

Questions/RSVP: cynthia@Changyit.com

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, October 26

Celebrations

Daniel - cancer free; home again and doing ok (Delibovi).

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

Connie & Dan Burkhardt - received The Lewis Green Environmental Service Award in appreciation of their role as founders of the Katy Land Trust & Co-Founders of Magnificent Missouri and for their exceptional Leadership to Preserve the Last 100 Miles of the Missouri River Valley

Diwali for our Hindu siblings - celebrating light over darkness!

Concerns

Gail and Bill Haack - seeking healing after recent hospital stays.

Doris McCarter - healing after recent hip surgery.

Dusty & Lin - baby born with heart defect... major surgery soon (Yakel).

Edwin & Maria - his cancer returned; thought he was cured (Runtz).

Jackie Kramme as her 100 yr old parents deal with Covid and more.

David Smith - health concerns; resident at *Anthology*, Town & Country (father of Deb Carter).

CVPA and STL Community in aftermath of deadly school shooting.

All impacted by Covid-19.

Continuing

Family and friends of Bart Coleman - grieving and giving thanks... visitation & memorial service here on Monday morning, November 21.

Patty and mom Estelle - as Patty receives hospice care (Pleis/Eiffert).

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

Josh - receiving chemo; needs a bone marrow transplant (Tarr).

Sharon - variety of health challenges (Rogers).

Sue Linson - recently diagnosed with leukemia (McKenzie).

Mary Beth Anderson - health challenges; apt break-in (Brueggemann)

Mary Kay McKenzie - receiving hospice care (Tom's sister).

Daniel - rare cancer; additional tests (cousin of Dana Delibovi).

Brooke - that she would find love and start a family of her own.

The Haack's neighbor - stage 4 cancer... single parent of a 2.5 yr old.

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

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

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.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending October 30 - **St. Peters UCC**, Ferguson; stpeterschurch.org

Week ending November 6 - **St. Philip's UCC**, St. Louis; stphilipsucc.com

Home-Centered/Care Facility/Rehab Center

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, #166;

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]

Naomi Runtz - 272 N Lindbergh Blvd; StL MO 63141; 34-993-0469

naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30]

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

Brussee/Dario/Race Family as Skyler and Justin prep to be parents.

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.

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Luke 19:1-10

Transforming Love

UCC Higher Education Sunday

On this United Church of Christ Higher Education Sunday, we celebrate all the institutions of higher learning that claim historic or current affiliation with the UCC. Among those are several HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). One of those HBCUs in New Orleans, Louisiana, is Dillard University.

Founded in 1935, Dillard is the result of the merger of two historically African American institutions. Immediately following Emancipation in the mid-1860's, the Methodist Episcopal Church founded Thompson Biblical Institute to train African American ministers. A few years later, the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church established Straight University in New Orleans. Today, Dillard University is the result of that merger and is affiliated with both the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Dillard continues the training envisioned by its founding organizations so many years ago through Lawless Chapel Ministry's (LCM) "VisionQuest, a program that aids students in pursuing ordained, music and lay ministry, and helps students find the work, and the life, to which God has called them.

LCM and VisionQuest accomplish their purposes by offering a lively worship service in Lawless Chapel every Sunday while the University is in session. The style of worship represents an eclectic mix of the University's two affiliations (United Methodist and United Church of Christ) with a little bit of Baptist, and a measure of creative experimentation that reflects the cultural exuberance of the city of New Orleans. The VisionQuest Chorale and Liturgical Dancers and Mime Ministry provide the music and dance for worship--be it on campus, throughout New Orleans, or beyond the city."*

You can find out more about Dillard, or the other HBCUs affiliated with the UCC by visiting online or in person:

- Dillard University, New Orleans, LA; www.dillard.edu
- Fisk University, Nashville, TN; www.fisk.edu
- Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX; www.htu.edu
- LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, TN; www.loc.edu
- Talladega College, Talladega, AL; www.talladega.edu
- Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS; www.tougaloo.edu

*www.dillard.edu/chaplain