



PARKWAY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God’s calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God’s grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

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

Today's flowers donated by Naomi Runtz in memory of what would have been her 70th anniversary with husband Joe. (November 15)

Today's Scripture Reader: Carol Cobb

Cover Photo by Mona Smith Herberg

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

Birthdays

11/13	DWYER, John	11/17	PENICO, Steve
11/14	RAUSCHER, Nathan	11/17	TOSSING, Linda
11/14	ROSS, Emma	11/18	RUSSELL, John
11/15	POLSTER, Stephanie	11/18	SCHMELIG, Greg

23rd Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.* ~Nelson Henderson

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 *To God Be the Glory*—arr. for Hal Leonard

Introit *Sing With Songs of Joy*—G.F.Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *I Want Jesus To Walk with Me* #363, v1

The image shows a musical score for the song 'I Want Jesus To Walk with Me'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with me)'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Brothers and sisters, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to stay away from every brother or sister who lives an undisciplined life that is not in line with the traditions that you received from us. You yourselves know how you need to imitate us because we were not undisciplined when we were with you. We didn't eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead, we worked night and day with effort and hard work so that we would not impose on you. We did this to give you an example to imitate, not because we didn't

have a right to insist on financial support. Even when we were with you we were giving you this command: “If anyone doesn’t want to work, they shouldn’t eat.” We hear that some of you are living an undisciplined life. They aren’t working, but they are meddling in other people’s business. By the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and encourage such people to work quietly and put their own food on the table. Brothers and sisters, don’t get discouraged in doing what is right

*Call to Worship

One: God is about to do a new thing. Do you feel it?

Many: We are opening ourselves to it, turning toward God so we don’t miss it.

One: Jesus is teaching us how to live and love by his own example. Do you notice it?

Many: We are setting aside the things that don’t seem to want to let us go. We turn toward Jesus in order to learn.

One: The Spirit is eager to equip us with all the gifts we need to be faithful and effective. Are you ready to be swept up in the Spirit?

Many: We know we can trust the Spirit, even though it is unpredictable and moves at its own pace.

One: Bring your whole self here now.

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

*Song *Though I May Speak* #335



1. Though I may speak	with brav - est fire,	And have the
2. Though I may give	all I pos - sess,	And striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come,	our hearts con - trol,	Our spir - its



gift to all in - spire,	And have not love, my
so my love pro - fess,	But not be given by
long to be made whole.	Let in - ward love guide



words are vain;	As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
love with - in,	The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
ev - ery deed;	By this we wor - ship and are freed.

***Opening Prayer** Sandy Boyce

Holy One, help there to be joy in our coming together this morning. Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing. Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair. Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us. Let there be joy in our coming together. Let us be nurtured in your presence. 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. Please meet your child/youth in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship - as the teachers will bring them there after class.

Blessing the Children *Weave*

**Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love,
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.**

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25

Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth: past events won't be remembered; they won't come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I'm creating, because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a source of gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people. No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again. No more will babies live only a few days, or the old fail to live out their days. The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person, and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed. They will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They won't build for others to live in, nor plant for others to eat. Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people; my chosen will make full use of their handiwork. They won't labor in vain, nor bear children to a world of horrors, because they will be people blessed by the Lord, they along with their descendants. Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the snake—its food will be dust. They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *You Are Mine*



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —
2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —
3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —
4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —
 am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. _____
 come and rest in
 all will know my
 up, now walk, and



me. _____
 name. _____ Do not be a - fraid, I am
 live! _____



with you. I have called you each by name.



Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. _____

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

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

Offering Interlude *Canticle of Thanksgiving*—Dale Wood

Based on the Welsh tune *The Ask Grove*. Sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

Creator of glory, all seasons Thy story,
The roses, the rivers, the ridges Thy mirth.
The straining of power, of eons each hour,
All heavens o'er meadows, old signs of re-birth.
The weeping in willows, all children in pillows,
All valleys, all oceans, The spaces of birth.
Thy blossoms in-folding, all angels beholding,
With morning and darkness renewing Thy earth.

In quaking and thunder, when life breaks asunder,
In pain, and in sorrow, all death in thy door.
Thy table of prizes, in daily surprises,
Our souls only feasting Thy treasure and store.
Through silence and wonder our spirits would ponder,
A sight of the brightness which saints now adore,
Thy love comes escaping, while watching and waiting,
Our hearts overflowing adore Thee, adore.

Thy beauty so tender, we live in Thy splendor,
O send us the life of the Lamb on the throne.
Come visit our tables, our castles and stables,
Till nothing and no-one be ever alone.
Come, father, come mother, come sister, come brother,
The cup is o'er-flowing, the harvest is done.
Rise up, O partaker! Give praise to the Maker!
The banquet is set in the midst of the sun (Son)!

***Response** *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Spirit of the living God, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing—
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

*Dedication of Pledges and Prayer of Dedication

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. ~Pr 11:25
Holy One, we hear, understand and follow the call to be generous people—to make generosity a way of life. As we offer this morning's gifts and our pledges of commitment for 2023, may they bless people far and near. May the resources we share multiply and extend the loving, caring and nurturing that is done through Parkway UCC in so many ways. Amen.

***Mission Moment** Every Child's Hope—<https://everychildshope.org/>

***Song of Parting** *Walk with Me* #2242

Refrain




Walk with me, I will walk with you and

Fine



build the land that God has planned where love shines through.



1. When Mo - ses heard the call of God he
2. Now Pe - ter was a most un - like - ly
3. Young Ma - ry Mag - da - lene was sure her
4. And when you share your faith with me and



said, "Lord, don't send me." But God told Mo - ses,
man to lead the flock; but Je - sus knew his
life could be much more, and by her faith she
work for life made new, the wit - ness of your



D.C.

"You're the one to set my peo - ple free."
ho - li - ness and he be - came the Rock.
dared to let God's love un - lock the door.
faith - ful - ness calls me to walk with you.

***Benediction/God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth**

Two Postludes in Bb Major—K. Seeger (18th c.) and J. Pilland (19th c.)

Announcements

Please use the form at www.parkwayucc.org/communications for all announcements for our media. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

Speaker Series: *Ways to look at the Supreme Court -- guidance to help lay people understand Supreme Court decisions and trends by Mark Sableman*

Sunday, November 20 | 11:15am | Heritage Room & Zoom

Mark will discuss these issues: Why we really can't expect the Court to be a "balls and strikes" umpire. Is it all about views of presidential power? What are originalism and literalism theories? What is the progressive alternative to originalism and literalism?

In addition, Mark will analyze First Amendment trends in which we have increasingly seen the court turn away from precedents, which gave speech rights to protect minorities and dissidents, to new doctrines that grant free speech rights to the wealthy, even allowing them to be used to beat down minorities and dissidents. There is also a similar trend in freedom of religion, away from interpretations of the establishment clause, which protect minorities, to interpretations of the free exercise clause, which exempts adherents to majority religions from basic social rules like non-discrimination.

Finally, who is Samuel Alito and can he and others of his persuasion be neutralized by "court packing?"

TAD Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – November 15

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 2:00—3:00pm

Please join us as we read *Litany of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren. "In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Each chapter looks at something—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Come and discover the holiness of your every day." Contact Jackie Eiffert: jeiffert2@gmail.com | 661-378-6781

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670617428?pwd=bUxPZEdDMiU4ay9oNndTWW4yZUYwUT09> **Meeting ID:** 836 7061 7428 | **Passcode:** 480007 | **Dial:** (312) 626-6799

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

Christmas Gifts for Children—Every Child's Hope

Parkway UCC Adopting two families for Christmas

Parkway UCC has again volunteered to adopt two families; this year, two Foster families. The ECH Parkway Team will have the children's wishes on SignUpGenius soon, and you can choose a child or more to support. The gifts can be brought to church any Sunday before Dec. 4, earlier if possible. This is such a good time to spread a little cheer. Carol Cobb and Laura Waite: ccjacob@aol.com | (314) 640-8166

Alzheimer's News November 2022

Alzheimer's and Dementia and Driving Safety

Safety First: Good drivers are alert, think clearly, and make good decisions. When a person with dementia is not able to do these things, he or she should stop driving. But, he or she may not want to stop driving or even think there is a problem.

As a caregiver, you may need to talk with the person about the need to stop driving. Do this in a caring way. Understand how unhappy the person may be to admit that he or she has reached this new stage. A person with some memory loss may be able to drive safely sometimes. But, her or she may not be able to react quickly when faced with a surprise on the road. Someone could get hurt or killed.

Signs that the person should stop driving include new dents and scratches on the car. You may also notice that the person takes a long time to do a simple errand and cannot explain why, which may indicate that her or she got lost. Ask yourself if you would feel comfortable letting the person drive a grandchild or other family member by themselves. If the answer is "no," it may be time to talk with him or her about the need to stop driving.

Here are some ways to stop people with dementia from driving:

Try talking about your concerns with the person.

Take the person for cognitive testing, and let the doctor know about your concerns.

Take him or her to get a driving test.

Hide the car keys, move the car, or disconnect the battery.

If the person with dementia still won't stop driving, ask your State Department of Motor Vehicles about a medical review.

10 Questions to Ask Yourself at the Thanksgiving Table

Erin Wilson

Some look forward to Thanksgiving with anticipation: family, friends, and planning for the perfect turkey/stuffing/mashed potatoes to gravy ratio. Some dread the coming of the holiday season. Strained or broken relationships, disappointment, and other factors create seasonal stress.

For some, Thanksgiving is a time to shut down. We coach ourselves ahead of time not to mention politics, religion, or that family secret that hasn't been a

secret for years. The Thanksgiving table is the last place in the world that feels safe for our truest selves.

Instead of avoiding everything uncomfortable, Thanksgiving can be a time we embrace some discomfort and make the holiday a gift we give ourselves—an opportunity for self-reflection before Christmas and New Year’s. Instead of counting the minutes until dinner is over, we can choose to engage in a different way.

We can’t wait for the world to change, or our family to change. Our own change creates a pocket of beauty in the world.

To make the most of the occasion, here are 10 questions to ask yourself at the Thanksgiving table this year:

1. Do the people around this table know I love, value, and respect them? Have I told them?
2. Which person at the table do I wish I knew better? How can I make that happen this year?
3. Who thinks so differently than me, that I can’t imagine sharing this table with them? How can I bridge that gap this year, even just a little?
4. What makes me feel seen and heard? What about those at this table? (They might not be the same things!)
5. Who in my community do I have much to learn from? How can I share a table with them?
6. Whose perspective is missing from the table? Whose story am I not hearing? How can I expand my circle to include different voices?
7. How can I create “Thanksgiving tables”—opportunities to share meals, stories, and gratitude—other times throughout the year?
8. Who in my community is doing thankless work that makes life better for me and my neighbors? How can I show them they are seen and valued?
9. How have I grown since this time last year? How do I hope to be different next year?
10. If I’m at a Thanksgiving table but for any of a thousand reasons wish I wasn’t, what kind of connections do I find the most life-giving? What steps can I take now, so next Thanksgiving is a different experience?

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Celebrations

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

Brussee/Dario/Race Family as Skyler & Justin welcomed **Jace** 11/2; he is doing well in the NICU – no longer on supplemental oxygen.

Dottie/John Dwyer -granddaughter Josephine Louise born last week.

Election Day tomorrow & Veterans Day this Friday.

Concerns

Tom, Kris, Lucia, Laura McKenzie - grieving/giving thanks for Tom's sister Mary Kay.

Ross Livengood - 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).

Family of Tom Villmer - grieving and giving thanks (Delibovi).

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.

<https://www.schrader.com/obituary/bart-coleman-jr>

Doris McCarter - healing after recent hip surgery.

Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack - chronic health challenges.

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)

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

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 November 13 - **St Thomas UCC**, Chesterfield; stthomasucc.org
(*Pastor Margaret Retirement Party Nov 20 - 3pm*).

Week ending November 20 - **Trinity UCC**, St. Louis; trinityuccstl.org

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]

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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]

David Smith - *Anthology of Town & Country*; 1020 Woods Mill Rd;

#310; St Louis, MO 63017; 636-200-5076 [birthdate: July 24]

(Father of Deb Carter).

Pinky Wilcoxon - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-

0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: April 7]

Dick Witte - *Meramec Bluffs Assisted Living*; 40 Meramec Trails Dr; Apt

#104; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-368-7324 [birthdate: March 25]

Other

Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

All people who live with mental illness.

Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

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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Isaiah 65:17-25

Infinite Possibilities

Stewardship Sunday

On this Stewardship Sunday, we look ahead with hope and make promises for how we as individuals will contribute to the health of the whole of the body of Christ in the year to come.

Our theme this year, *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving*, is a reminder that we give out of the goodness and abundance that we have received from a loving God. Of course, we don't just need this message and reminder at Stewardship time. At all times of year, through scripture, study, prayer and connection with our community and the wider world, we can be recalled back to the God whose love for us overflows. If you would like more resources to encourage your generous response to a gracious God, check out the books and brochures available at uccresources.com.

Everyone in the church would appreciate a copy of the brochure, "What Scripture Says About Giving," a quick and thoughtful guide to how and why to give to the work of the church.

Inspiring Generosity: A Stewardship Resource for the Local Church is a comprehensive guide to year-round stewardship. This 118-page manual is available in either book form or PDF download and features 4 fundraising methods for the local church, including "Consecrating Stewards," as well as chapters on the theological background on the motivation for giving and understanding mission.

The Gifting God: Change the Way You Look at Giving is a small group study that invites you and your small group into an exploration of what scripture has to say about giving, over the course of several weeks or sessions.

For Such a Time As This: A Bible Study for Stewardship in Challenging Times is a guide that helps readers recall the story of Esther and to ponder anew how this story might inform generous giving here and now.