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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 or sending an email.

**Welcome Children** We invite children to full participation in worship. We also have activity bags for young children to use while they are here.

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



**Scripture Reader** Dawn Jones-Goldstein.

Consider signing up to read scripture this spring or summer by scanning QR code.

**Flowers** given by Keith and Kari Borgmann in recognition of her mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend.

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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](http://www.crisistextline.org)

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

The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines).

They are peer run by people with lived experience.

Not all of them are 24/7/365

Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336

Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police)

Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860

Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away)

Learn more about warm lines: <https://warmline.org/warmdir.html>

## Birthdays

05/12 Will Stappenbeck

05/12 Angie Downing

05/14 Scott Masterson

05/15 Andrew Wessel

05/15 Elin Patel

05/18 Felix Waite

## Anniversaries

05/12 Kevin & Steffanie Rauscher

05/18 Meera & Roy Williams

# Ascension

Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

**Prelude** *Song of the Morning* – by Robert J. Hughes (©Lorenz Publishing Co. 1972)

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

**Meditation** I had so many freckles that my mother used to say that they were kisses from the angels.~ Lara Flynn Boyle

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

### Welcome Song *Surely the Presence*

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel the might - y pow - er and this grace.  
I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,  
I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the  
pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

**Scripture** Acts 1:1-14 | New Revised Standard Version—NRSV

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So, when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**\*Call to Worship**

One:	Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ’s return to God.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!</b>
One:	But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God’s love to us.</b>
One:	Let’s get to work!
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let’s make our hearts, hands and voices ready for the tasks before us now.</b>
One:	The Spirit us with us to equip, guide and correct us along the way.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

**\*Song** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* (tune: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee) | #2050 *blue songbook*



1. Moth-er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2. Moth-er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3. Moth-er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - at - or, source of  
me your food of light, grain of life, and  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I



ev - ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

**\*Opening Prayer** Nancy Townley

**God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of Jesus rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. 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** For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 01 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade can follow one of our teachers down to Room 12 (lower level), and youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade can follow a teacher to Room 15 (also lower level). For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gather Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ send us

love, send us power, send us grace. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final line ends with a double bar line.

**Scripture** Luke 24:36b-53 | NRSV

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what God promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Song** *Remember Me*

(Tune: *Though I May Speak*)

words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Remember me — the God who saves —  
For back in Egypt you were slaves;  
Then by my hand I set you free.  
Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine  
Whene'er you share this meal of mine.

I gave my life to set you free.  
With thanks and praise, remember me.

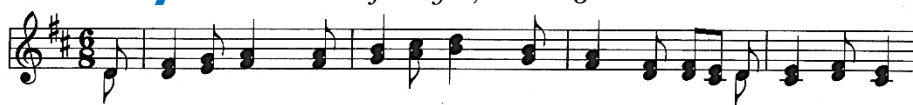
Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere.

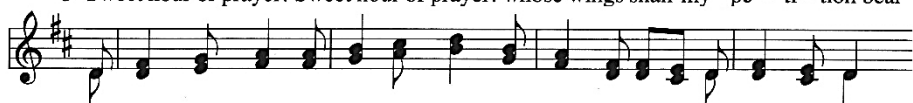
## Moment of Silent Reflection

### Sermon

#### Call to Prayer *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, v 1 and 3



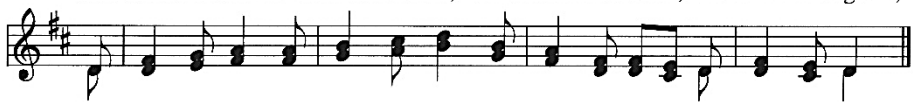
- 1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
- 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!  
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,  
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
I'll cast a-way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of 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.]



**Litany** *A Wide Continuum of Mothering*—based on messymiddle.com

- One: To those who gave birth this year to their first child or expanded their family...
- Many: We celebrate with you.**
- One: To those who lost a child this year...
- Many: We mourn with you.**
- One: To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains and are sometimes afraid they don't know what they are doing...
- Many: We see you and appreciate you.**
- One: To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, adoption or running away and may feel they have failed...
- Many: We ache with you.**
- One: To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment...
- Many: We walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it already is.**
- One: To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms...
- Many: We need you.**
- One: To those who have warm and close relationships with your children...
- Many: We give thanks with you.**
- One: To those who have disappointment, complications and distance or separation with your children...
- Many: We sit with you.**
- One: To those who lost their mothers this year and may feel lonely in their lives and in their mothering...
- Many: We grieve with you.**
- One: To those who experienced abuse at the hands of their own mother and therefore didn't have a healthy model for mothering...
- Many: We acknowledge your experience.**
- One: To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood...
- Many: We are better for having you in our midst.**
- One: To those who have aborted children or who became mothers against their will...
- Many: We pray for you this day and many days.**
- One: To those who are not mothers and do not want to be.
- Many: We respect and celebrate your decisions.**
- One: To those who are single or married and want to be parenting...

**Many:** We sigh with you that life has not turned out the way you long for it to be.

One: To those who step-parent...

**Many:** We walk with you on these complex paths.

One: To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be...

**Many:** We come to grips with you.

One: To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year...

**Many:** We grieve and rejoice with you.

One: To those who are pregnant with new life, expected and surprising...

**Many:** We anticipate with you.

## Offering Our Gifts to God



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

[www.parkwayucc.org/giving](http://www.parkwayucc.org/giving)

**Offering Interlude** *Amazing Grace* - from Virginia Harmony, 1831, arr. by Barry Luedloff

**\*Response** *Make Me A Servant* | #2176 [blue songbook](#)

Musical notation for the hymn 'Make Me A Servant'. It consists of four staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day. \_\_\_\_\_' The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, we have gifts to share - words, prayers, actions. Help us to find the right balance as we care with these gifts. We are grateful to be called and equipped to love like Jesus. Amen

**\*Song of Parting** *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me* | #369 red hymnal

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can  
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

**\*Benediction**

**\*God's Light Goes Forth**

**\*Music for Going Forth** *Sing to the Lord!* – by Lani Smith (©1970[?]  
 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

### **LAST WEEK**

Paul describes perfect and self-giving love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

### **THIS WEEK**

Paul focuses his teaching on clarifying the concept of resurrection, stating that it is not just a matter of raising from the dead but of new life in God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57).

### **THE POINT**

We can rejoice since the risen Christ will destroy death forever.

### **BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS**

Jesus' resurrection was a sign of the new beginning. Bible scholar N.T. Wright describes it this way: It was "the moment when the one true God appointed the man through whom the whole cosmos would be brought back into its proper order." With his resurrection, Jesus' reign has begun, but it is not yet complete. This is why we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done" when we pray the Lord's Prayer. One day God will restore everything—death will be defeated forever and we will live in a restored and remade world. The Scriptures give us wonderful glimpses of that ultimate reality in places in both the Old and New Testaments. Look up Isaiah 2:1-4 and Revelation 21:3-5 for more pictures God has given us of the new creation.

### **STORY SUMMARY**

As Paul winds down his letter to the Corinthians, he helps them face the reality of death. He shows them that Jesus' resurrection from the dead is important in the present and the future. He starts by reminding them that Jesus died and rose again. Paul tells them that Jesus' resurrection means something real: the defeat of death. It shows that Jesus is who he says he is, the Son of God and the deliverer the people of God had long expected. His resurrection introduced a new type of life in God's kingdom: a life we can begin to live in now and will one day live even more fully.

### **PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP**

Those we fellowship with in God's kingdom today we will live with forever in God's eternal kingdom. Who in the Body of Christ can you celebrate life with this week? Call that person and count your blessings together.

### **NEXT WEEK**

The Spirit gives each of us gifts so that, together, we can be a complete body of Christ (Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13).

## GOING DEEPER

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? Consider the following basic pattern as a way of forming family devotions:

- ❖ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray a simple prayer together.
- ❖ Take a moment to check in with each other; what are each person's "highs" and "lows" today?
- ❖ Read aloud from the Daily Bible Readings from below. Discuss the questions following each.
- ❖ End with a blessing, by simply tracing a cross on each other's forehead. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end your devotion time. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotions.

**Note:** This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with your household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bedtime? Be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### **SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

Death, the last enemy, is destroyed by Jesus. Do you feel hope or fear about the thought of death?

### **MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:1-9**

Taking a collection for the saints. What would it look like for you to live more generously than you do now?

### **TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:10-14**

Timothy and Apollos do the work of the Lord. What can you do to help new people feel comfortable in your youth group?

### **WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:15-24**

Paul shares some final greetings. How does it feel when someone lets you know another person says hello? Who refreshes your spirit?

### **THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving. When have you been comforted? How can you pass along the comfort you have received to someone who needs comfort?

### **FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:8-14**

Paul experiences challenging times. How can you keep hope amidst struggles? For what do you rely fully on God?

### **SATURDAY: Acts 2:1-4**

The Spirit comes at Pentecost. Who has shared the good news of Jesus with you? Who can you, with the help of the Spirit, tell about Jesus?

# Announcements

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

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 12 | 8:30a-1:00p

We will be hosting a pancake breakfast for mothers of any kind (animal, plant, or human) on Mother's Day. Breakfast will be served directly after the service on Sunday, May 12. The meal will include pancakes, bacon, sausage and scrambled eggs and will be accompanied by a beverage of your choice (orange juice, apple juice, coffee, or water).

Mothers and children 12 and under eat for free; all others we ask for a donation of \$5 per person.

Volunteers needed!! If you are willing and able to help us prepare, serve, cleanup or all the above, you are very welcome to join. We will meet at 7:30 am Sunday, May 12 to begin all preparations. Any skill level is welcome. Questions? Contact Phillip Waite: [pwaite82@gmail.com](mailto:pwaite82@gmail.com)

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue – May 14

2nd & 4th Tuesday | 6:00pm potluck | 7:00pm discussion | Heritage Rm

Please join us on Tuesday, May 14 for our last session on the book *The Accidental President* by A.J.Baime. This book is a non-fiction historical account of Harry S. Truman and his first four months as President. The book goes into depth about his surprising road to the White House and the many world changing events that occurred early in his Presidency.

For this session we will be covering up to Part IV: June-July 1945 (up to page 227). Pot luck at 6pm followed by book talk at 7pm. For more info, contact Helen Race [raceh@att.net](mailto:raceh@att.net)

## PUCG Adventurers Head to Iron Spike Model Train Museum

Thursday, May 16 | 9:30a-2:00p | 1498 High Street, Washington, MO 63090

Join the PUCG Adventurers for another fun outing as they head to the Iron Spike Model Train Museum. Meet at church for carpooling at 9:30, or meet at the museum at about 10:20.

The museum is a 501(c)(3) public charity museum in Washington Missouri, dedicated to the preservation and display of model railroading and railroad history. There is a lot to learn, see, and enjoy at the Iron Spike. The museum currently operates G-, O-, HO-, N-, and TY-gauge trains, many of them operating on beautiful and massive train layouts. For more information, and videos of several different train layouts, go to <https://www.ironspike.org/>. This museum is a very popular attraction in Washington.

Cost is \$8 for adults, but active military or veterans and their dependents get in free with proof of service. Lunch will be at a restaurant near the museum. Please RSVP by May 9th to Tom McKenzie at [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net) so that he can let the museum know how many are attending. And please let him know whether you'll meet at church for carpooling or if you'll meet at the museum.

## **Rock Opera at Town & Country Square**

Friday, May 17 | 6-8pm | 13360 Clayton Rd, Town & Country, MO

I'm thrilled that Town & Country has accepted my recommendation to have Rock Opera perform!

Rock Opera consists of keyboardist/vocalist Carl Schaefer, drummer/vocalist Ron Kemm, bassist/vocalist Kevin Stanley, guitarist/vocalist Chris Miles & and guitarist/violinist/vocalist Evan Hunt. The group will sing 5 part harmonies featuring the 60s, 70s & 80s music. Its rendition of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody is simply riveting!

Please bring your lounge chairs to sit in and enjoy the free show. A food truck will be at the park or you can pack your own dinner. We can also go to Straub's or Clementine's Ice Cream. For more information, contact Hera Gerber [krupuk@aol.com](mailto:krupuk@aol.com).

## **Proud Art STL Upcoming Workshops and Prom**

For Middle and High Schoolers | Shrewsbury City Center unless otherwise noted  
Proud Art STL has some fun events on the horizon!

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm: Tyler Harris art workshop. Shrewsbury City Center, Meeting Room 2.



Scan QR code to register for events.

Proud Art STL is a non-profit organization for LGBTQIA+ middle and high schoolers. They provide art workshops and special events for creativity, fun and community. For more information, visit [proudartstl.org](http://proudartstl.org).

## **Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am** **"Coming to America," by Beibarys Mygnbayev from Kazakhstan.**

May 19 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Beibarys is a foreign exchange student from Kazakhstan, who has been living with his host family, Parkway members, Gerry and Mike Rogers. He will share his experiences "Coming to America," and contrast his time here with life back home. Gerry and Mike will participate as well. The speakers will appear live in the Heritage Room. There will be no remote access.

## **"The Saga of My Spiritual Travels," By Gabriel Requadt.**

May 26 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Gabriel, our Christian Education Director, was religiously raised for many years in the Christian Science church. Christian Science is a set of beliefs and practices, which are associated with members of the Church of Christ Scientist. It was founded in 1879 in New England by Mary Baker Eddy, who wrote the 1875 book "Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures," which outlined the theology of Christian Science. She described Christian Science as a return to "primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing." But it's more than that and each Christian Scientist has his or her own story to tell about those experiences. So too, Gabriel. Come hear his journey and learn a bit more about this young man, who is now such an important part of the ministry of Parkway Church in so many wonderful ways. The speaker will appear in person in the Heritage Room, following worship service. There will be no remote access. For more information about events, contact Richard Scherrer [90fivetpr@gmail.com](mailto:90fivetpr@gmail.com).

## **Book Sunday Shout-Out!**

On May 19, PUCC will be doing our annual Book Sunday in conjunction with Pentecost, as well as it being the last day of Year 2 with our Living the Word Narrative Lectionary. A great kind of send-off into the summer as the Disciples went out to spread the good news 2,000 years ago. This year, we'll have a lot of the books we, as the church, have gathered to be offered to each child who comes that Sunday as a special token of appreciation and to help start their summer off well to inspire learning and imagination. For more info contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org 314-872-9330 ext. 101

## **Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – May 21**

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion

[Zoom Link](#) (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007

Please join with the TAD group as we start our next book, *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. We'll read and discuss about a third of the book each meeting, April 16, May 7, and May 21. Join us from 2 pm-3 pm, or arrive about 15 minutes early for fellowship.

The Reading List is a heartwarming novel about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. It address themes of loneliness, loss, friendship, building community, and the value of reading as an individual as well as shared experience.

Contact Jackie Eiffert for more information: jeiffert2@gmail.com

## **Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone**

Wednesday, May 22 | 11am-1pm | New Sanctuary

Drop-in Prayer Time.

Kevin will be in the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Come on by if you'd like to pray together.

If you see someone else there, simply wait a bit in the Gathering Space.

Other opportunities this summer:

Monday, June 24 from 6-8pm;

Tuesday, July 23 from 3-5pm;

Tuesday, August 27 from 8-10am

We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to me at kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

## **AWOL: Adventurous Women Out Late**

Join us as we make new connections and strengthen existing ones.

Dinner at The Wolf Café: 15480 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

Friday, May 24

Meet at the restaurant at 6pm. Please RSVP to cfbum@charter.net by Wednesday, May 22.

Their menu is prepared 90% in-house with great care using wholesome foods and the finest fresh, local and real ingredients.



## 21 Day Racial Equity & Social Justice Challenge

Presented by YWCA Metro St. Louis. Accept this challenge to expand your understanding of equity and social justice. This challenge asks participants to make daily time and space for 21 days to foster understanding and identify ways to dismantle racism and end discrimination. Adults. Scan QR code for required registration.



Registrants will receive a daily list of activities and an opportunity to participate in facilitated discussions on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Kevin C. [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org)

## Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 8 | 9am-2pm | Parkway UCC

### What is justice?

*[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*



For VBS this year, we're going to be digging into the concept of justice that we see in the Bible. This unit breaks down this complicated topic into easily understood pieces with a focus both on the smaller (personal) and larger (systemic) aspects of justice. It will be a \$25 asked donation for the first camper and \$20 for additional campers. Scan the QR code to register! For more info contact Gabriel R. [gabriel@parkwayucc.org](mailto:gabriel@parkwayucc.org) 314—872-9330 ext. 101

## Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, June 12 | 2pm | 14123 Clayton Rd, Town & Country, MO 63017  
Join us for a beverage and sweet treat at Panera on Clayton Rd at 141 in Town & Country Crossing. Come connect!

Future dates for Coffee and Conversation:

Friday, July 19 at 10am - Daily Bread on Manchester Road in Kirkwood;

Monday, August 19 at 2pm - Panera on Manchester Rd by 270 and Trader Joe's in Des Peres

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Questions? Contact [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-872-9330

## Join Us for a Fun Day of Building with Habitat for Humanity!

Saturday, June 22

We're excited to team up with Habitat for Humanity for our annual Parkway Workday, but the location is still to be determined. We're looking for 10 enthusiastic volunteers to join us from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Whether you're a master builder or a complete novice, we welcome you with open arms! Habitat will provide all the tools and supplies you need. Just remember to wear your sturdy work clothes, closed shoes, and pack a lunch.

Did you know? Parkway has been part of this wonderful initiative for about 40 years. In fact, we played a significant role in introducing Habitat to St. Louis. Interested in joining us? Contact Tom McKenzie to get on the notification list: [mckenzie1947@att.net](mailto:mckenzie1947@att.net)

Your generosity can make a difference! If you'd like to support us, feel free to send your donations to: Habitat For Humanity St. Louis 3830 South Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63118. Let's build something amazing together!

## **St. Louis Pridefest – GONA Booth Volunteers**



Saturday, June 29, 10a-7p | Sunday, June 30, 10a-6p  
Gateway Open and Affirming Coalition needs your help by volunteering time in our booth at LGBTQIA+ Festival in St. Louis -- PRIDEFEST 2024. Please use the QR code below to join us! Questions? Reach out to our own Greg Schmelig  
greg\_schmelig@hotmail.com

## **Urban Mission Experience**

August 5-8 | Epiphany UCC | Benton Park, STL

Come take part in our Mission Trip this year with Urban Mission Experience Aug. 5-8, hosted by our sister church of Epiphany United Church of Christ. We'll be doing mission service projects in the Saint Louis area. Imagine serving in ways like helping out in a food pantry, or helping beautify a local neighborhood.

The age requirement will be 12 years old at time of event.

The intent will be to stay overnight at Epiphany UCC, but because we will be in the local area, if your child wanted to just serve during the day, that can work too! Our church will be providing the food for breakfast and lunch to be made together, and we will go out for dinner each night. Showers will be available at night, courtesy of the YMCA.

The cost will be an asked donation of \$25 per person per night, so about \$75 in total. But if you can't afford that, get in contact with gabriel@parkwayucc.org, and we'll help! Sign-up deadline will be July 8.

## **May 2024 Alzheimer's News**

Blood tests: The Next Frontier in Alzheimer's Diagnosis. Blood tests for earlier detection of Alzheimer's disease are one of the most promising emerging areas in Alzheimer's research today. A study examined the use of blood-based biomarkers for Alzheimer's in primary care and compared them to diagnostic accuracy of primary care physicians. Results found that, after cognitive testing and a computed tomography (CT) scan or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), PCPs correctly detected the presence of Alzheimer's -related brain changes or correctly diagnosed Alzheimer's in approximately 55% of cases, while blood tests did so in more than 85% of cases. This preliminary study demonstrates that blood tests for Alzheimer's have great potential for improving diagnostic accuracy and proper treatment of people living with Alzheimer's.

You can learn more by going to [www.alz.org/help-support/resources](http://www.alz.org/help-support/resources) or the Alzheimer's Helpline which is accessible 24/7 via 800-272-3900 and staffed by master's level clinicians to assist with crisis situations, decision making, and disease information. You can find virtual dementia caregiver resources online at [alz.org/covid19help](http://alz.org/covid19help). Tools and support are also available in Spanish.

Want to learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and what they do here in St. Louis? Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) and/or contact PUCC's Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Ruiz at [joyceruiz7@gmail.com](mailto:joyceruiz7@gmail.com).

# Prayer List

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

## Celebrations

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

**Jeffery Van Deven** - just graduated from Goldfarb School of Nursing!

## Concerns

**Barry Luedloff** - healing from first of two heart procedures; second tba.

**Bill and Kathy Hilgeman** - he is strengthening at home.

**John Nourse** - home from hospital; health is improving.

**Kathleen Tarr** - home after hospital; outpatient treatment program.

**Lana Biondo & family** - mother's memorial service last Saty in Ohio.

**Stephanie** - healing after brain surgery (Nick/Sue McMillon's daughter)

**David Smith** - palliative care evaluation this week (Deb Carter's father).

**Jackie Eiffert** - preparing for hip replacement surgery set for May 16.

**Jennifer** - healing after car accident (cousin of Gerry Rogers).

**The continuing war in Ukraine.**

**War in the Mideast** - Israel and Hamas.... ceasefire talks in progress.

**Protests on US college campuses.**

## Continuing

**Martha Rosenberger** (Cassie's mother) - treatments for cancer.

**Kari Borgmann** - her mom becoming more feeble, lack of awareness.

**Keith Mohl** - stage 4 lung cancer (Mike's brother).

**Jackie** - receiving hospice care at home (sister of Nick McMillon).

**Rene Pelligrino and family** - as she deals with multiple health issues.

**Rebecca Ray** - that her book on suicide prevention will be published.

**Tom Manor** - at home, living with prostate cancer (McKenzie).

**Mike Kolman** - healing and discerning his future care (Svenson).

**Gram Ruth Hughes** - Lymphoma; receiving hospice care (Schneider).

**Seger Ruiz** - paralyzed from car accident in September.

**Joseph Miller** - long road to healing (son of Deb Carter).

**Dennis Giever** - healing momentum in rehab after a fall (Connors).

**Sharon Thiemann** - undergoing cancer treatment (Svenson).

**Kate** - medical tests for lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, more (Borgmann).

**Pam** - cancer diagnosis while receiving care for injuries from a fall.

**Nelson Spencer** - continued treatment for multiple issues (Svenson).

**Trudy** - living with cancer; healing after a fall (Scharf).

**Barb** - complications with cancer tx and at odds with insurance co (Tarr)

**Cherie & Mike Stolze and family** - her chronic health challenges.

**Bill & Nancy Darland** - his ongoing health issues.

**Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack** - chronic health challenges.

**Theresa** - surgery/treatment/recovery - aggressive cancer (Schwarz).

## Home-Centered/Care Facility/Rehab Center

**Marv Herpel** - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;

Ballwin, MO 63011; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

**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]

**David Smith** - *Anthology of Town & Country*; 1020 Woods Mill Rd; #310; St Louis, MO 63017; 636-200-5076 [birthdate: July 24]

**Judy Waddell** - *McKnight Place*; 3 McKnight Pl, #229; StL MO 63124; 314-312-1129 [birthdate: August 13]

**Pinky Wilcoxon** - *Delmar Gardens Creve Coeur*; 850 Country Manor Ln; #126; Creve Coeur, MO 63141; 314-434-5900 [birthdate: April 7]

## Other

**Jones-Goldstein Family as they grow** - baby girl due in October!

**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 & those dealing with meds.**

**Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.**

**PUCF 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.

***A Prayer for Rafah*** by Maren Tirabassi

Good Shepherd, Embodiment of Peace,

we pray for Rafah and its people,

its one-and-a quarter million people,

sheltering from war,

fearing the southward sweeping famine,

frantic with the directive

to "evacuate immediately,"

gathering the children, the elderly,

all the vulnerable ones.