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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 Joan Degroote.

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

Flowers Greg Schmelig in celebration of Pride Month.

Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing flowers for worship this summer. Signup on the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Subscribe to our email lists Sign up at www.parkwayucc.org

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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

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

06/30 Andrew Waddell

06/30 Loren Barnes

06/30 Nancy Litzinger

07/04 Gladys Sims

Anniversaries

06/30 Dan & Lori Connors 07/02 Mike & Polly Rutherford

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Prelude The Church in the Wildwood – arr. by Tom Birchwood, based on the tune 'Church in the Wildwood' by William Savage Pitts (1857). ©2015 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Great effort is required to arrest decay and restore vigor. One must exercise proper deliberation, plan carefully before making a move, and be alert in guarding against relapse following a renaissance. ~Horace

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 How Great Thou Art | #467, v1-2 Red Hymnol O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

Scripture Psalm 130 | NRSV - New Revised Standard Version Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

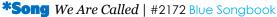
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

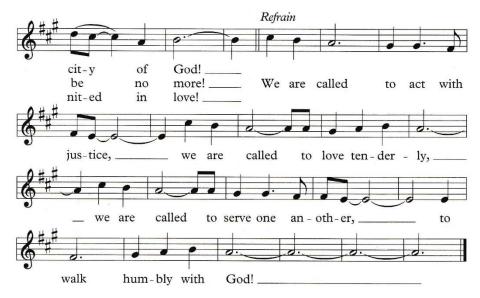
It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

*Call to Worship

| One: | God invites us here for a variety of reasons |
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| Many: | to rest, find refreshment and go from here renewed; |
| One: | to help clear the obstacles and clutter that keep us from one another; |
| Many: | to expand our vision so we can imagine things the way God does; |
| One: | to align ourselves with Jesus who lived love with his words and actions; |
| Many: | to receive the gifts and inspiration of the Spirit; |
| All: | Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit. |



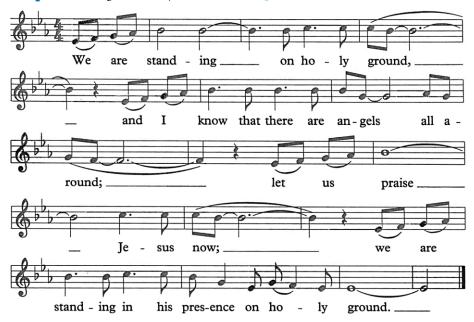




*Opening Prayer

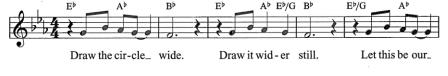
Holy One, you call us to love each day with humble hearts ~ hearts bent toward justice; hearts open in loving-kindness; hearts committed to building, repairing and sustaining community. Help us to create and hold sacred space for one another. Amen.

*Response Holy Ground | #2272 Blue Songbook

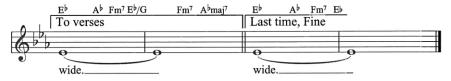


Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 01 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children and youth will gather in Room 13 (lower level) for the Opening Session. Children from age 3 to 5th grade will then go to Room 12, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. 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 Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children Draw the Circle Wide







Scripture 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 | NRSV

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer Change My Heart, O God | #2152 Blue Songbook



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.]

UCC Justice Moment 2005 | Marriage Equality

On July 4, the General Synod overwhelmingly passes a resolution supporting same-gender marriage equality. UCC General Minister and President John Thomas says that the Synod "has acted courageously to declare freedom, affirming marriage equality, affirming the civil rights of same gender couples..."

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.

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Offering Interlude *It Is Well with My Soul* – arr. by Bethany McDonald, based on the tune 'Ville Du Havre' by Phillip P. Bliss (1873). ©2003 Lorenz Publishing Co.

*Response O Beautiful for Spacious Skies | #564, v1 Red Hymnal

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed God's grace on thee
And crown thy good with servanthood
From sea to shining sea!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, help us to align ourselves with Jesus, who taught us how to love, listen and serve. Guide us into places where we can get out of the center and put others and community there. The world will change when we do this. Send your Spirit to encourage and correct us in our efforts. Amen.

***Song of Parting** Dream God's Dream





*Benediction

***God's Light Goes Forth**

*Music for Going Forth *Trees of the Field* – by Stuart Dauermann, © 1975 Lillenas Publishing Co.

Announcements

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

PUCC Town Hall

Sunday, June 30 | 11:15am-12:45pm | Fellowship Hall

Please join our Church Council for a Town Hall Meeting and light lunch TODAY. As we meet in small table groups, the Church Council would like your input on a few questions we have regarding your thoughts about, and experiences with, Parkway UCC. We value what you have to say...

What's your favorite thing about Parkway? In other words, what do you love?

Which activities do you regularly attend? Are you aware of book clubs, the Interfaith group, children's and youth events, service activities, fellowship opportunities? What new programs/events would you like to see?

What feeds your spirit in our worship services? How can you imagine worship being more meaningful for you? What could you do to help make Sunday morning more impactful for you and others?

Your Church Council wants and needs to keep the lines of communication with the congregation open. What else would you like to share with us – i.e. celebrations, concerns, needs, ideas?

St. Louis Pridefest

Sunday, June 30, 10am -6pm

Pride continues through today. If you haven't been, you might want to do that today while there is still time! Find map here: https://www.pridestl.org/faq

The Upper Room Small Group

Wednesday, July 3 | 1-2pm | Gathering Space

Come as you are and take part in our Upper Room Small Group. We'll be following The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide once a week on Wednesday afternoons. Pretty laid back with some guided questions to help stir the spirit. Copies of the devotional are available for free in the Gathering Space. This will be a weekly event on Wednesdays. We would love to have you! For more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Summer Bible Study: Ecclesiastes – July 7

Sunday, July 7 | 9-9:30am | Heritage Room

Sometimes considered the most curmudgeonly and cynical of all the books of the Bible, Ecclesiastes is also praised for telling it like it is. It addresses eternal problems that have always troubled human society: the problem of pain, the fruitlessness of overwork, the vanity of ambition, the age of anxiety, the fear of death and being forgotten. You will be encouraged to listen: listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among participants in your study group. In that mix of biblical text, personal engagement, and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking challenge and comfort. If you would like a Bible Study book, or for more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"How To Be an LGBTQ+ Ally," by Debbie Reinhardt

July 07 | Heritage Room | 11:15am

The annual Pride St Louis will be June 29-30! Whether you will have participated or not, there is more work to do in and through our Open & Affirming congregation.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the definition of an ally is "one that is associated with another as a helper." As allies for the LGBTQIA+ community, there are a number of ways we can stand with these beloved children of God. Join Debbie Reinhardt, LGBTQIA+ ally, advocate, and former leader of the LGBTQ+ Family Support Network, after worship on July 7.

"Hosting an International Exchange Student; Try It, You'll Remember It Forever," by Sydney Finan

July 14 | Heritage Room | 11:15am

Sydney Finan is the local liaison and recruiter for AFS-USA, a program that empowers people to become globally engaged citizens by delivering meaningful intercultural experiences that provide the knowledge and skills needed to help create a more just and peaceful world.

The program pairs foreign students with a host family in the St. Louis area. Syd walks the walk and talks the talk. Her husband and she are hosting their <u>19th</u> student (from 16 countries). She has many stories to share.

Each 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.

Inquirers Gathering

Monday, July 8 | 7:00-8:15pm | Parkway UCC, Heritage Room An inquirer is someone who wants to know more about Parkway UCC and who wants to be known as well.

The next PARKWAY UCC Inquirers' Gathering is just around the corner. Our goals that evening include:

- getting to know one another a bit more
- describing Parkway's worship, outreach, education, leadership, fellowship
- taking a look at our denomination, the United Church of Christ
- sharing ideas about the exciting future of Parkway UCC
- soliciting your thoughts on how we can be a more welcoming and inviting community of faith
- discussing some key issues of faith
- answering any of your questions

You will find our time together meaningful and informative.

Some churches call this sort of gathering a New Members Class – we do not.

While we do know that there are some visitors who have expressed interest in becoming members of the church, we do not assume that Inquirers are seeking membership. We just want to be hospitable, get to know you and have the chance to express gratitude for your presence among us.

**Childcare is available that evening if requested ahead of time.

Please let us know if you are planning to be with us!

kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Coffee and Conversation

Friday, July 19 | 10am | Daily Bread on Manchester in Kirkwood Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect!

Future dates for Coffee and Conversation:

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; 314-872-9330

Parkway Night at the Muny—Fiddler on the Roof

Friday, July 19 | 6:00-10:00pm | Muny Opera—Forest Park Come and join us for a lovely night at the Muny seeing the iconic musical Fiddler on the Roof. We will get a private backstage tour before the performance and then sit together in discounted seats to watch the performance.

Fiddler on the Roof returns for its 11th Muny production. The legendary musical tells the story of Tevye the milkman, who clings to the Jewish customs of Anatevka, his hometown in pre-Revolutionary Russia. As his daughters question these old-fashioned traditions and the world changes ominously around them, Tevye is challenged to find a new way to learn and to love. For more info, contact Dan Connors connorsd@aol.com.

Party People Needed! Help Isaiah 58 Ministries Community Celebrations 2149 S Grand Blvd, St Louis MO 63104

Back to School Fair: Saturday, July 20, 10am-1pm

This year they are preparing to give out 250 backpacks to local students and to have a great morning and lunch together.

PUCC is hosting an activity - BOWLING. We have done this in the past and have had a great time!

We are looking for half a dozen people to be our crew. We will help Isaiah 58 as party people and we will run our bowling game.

Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know that you are up for this! We can carpool from church.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY: Isaiah 58 - Back to School, Sunday, Sept. 1 As in past years, Parkway is participating in Isaiah 58's Back-to-School program. We were asked to donate 160 boxes of 10-count washable markers. If you are shopping and see school supplies (especially on Tax-Free weekend) please consider purchasing some boxes.

Also, Isaiah 58 gives out new underwear with the school supplies, so we will have a collection box for those as well. Contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com

Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, July 23 | 3-5pm | 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:

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

PUCC Adventurers Visit the Missouri History Museum

Thursday, July 25 | 9:30am-1:30pm | Missouri History Museum
You are invited to go with the PUCC Adventurers and get to know other
PUCCers as we take a trip to the Missouri History Museum. We'll tour the new
1904 World's Fair exhibit. Admission is free. The Museum's previous World's
Fair exhibit was on display for 20 years. Some of the things are the same in
the updated exhibit, and some are shown from new and different perspectives.
Outside voices have been brought in—Filipino American artist Ria Unson,
African American scholar Linda Nance, and author Patrick Murphy—to help
tell a more nuanced story of the fair. The gallery is a space to both celebrate
the fair and its legacy and to examine its inequities and injustices.

Meet at Parkway UCC at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling or at 10:00 a.m. at the Missouri History Museum at Forest Park, 5700 Lindell Blvd., 63112.

After the museum we'll have lunch at Blueberry Hill on the Delmar Loop, 6504 Delmar, 63130.

 $Contact\ Jackie\ Eiffert\ for\ more\ information\ or\ to\ RSVP: jeiffert 2@gmail.com$

Day Mission Trip—STL Area Foodbank

Saturday, Aug. 17 and 24 | 8am-12pm | 70 Corporate Woods Drive Parkway is doing a new thing! For our mission trip this year, we are offering volunteer opportunities with Saint Louis Area Foodbank on the Saturdays of Aug. 17 and 24 from 8am-12pm. We have 10 slots reserved for PUCC, but they fill up *fast*, so if you're committed to UCC's value of **SERVICE**, scan the QR code to sign-up *today or visit* at stlfoodbank.org for one, or both, of those dates. For more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Local UCC YBS Events

If your family is interested in signing up for VBS, here are some of our local UCC siblings that are doing one this summer!

- St. John UCC in Chesterfield July 15-19, 9am-12pm
- St. John UCC in Manchester July 22-25, 5-8pm

Prayer List Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Celebrations

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

John Nourse, our Pastor Emeritus - ordained 60 years ago this month.

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Rocco Stolze and family - as he undergoes and heals from gender affirming surgery this month.

Our United Church of Christ 67th Anniversary this week!

Concerns

Ben and Marilyn McDougall - healing and strengthening.
The Wessel Family - grieving and giving thanks for Ralf's mother.
Kristin Edmonds & Family - mourning/remembering her mother.
Greg Schmelig's father - health issues; home after hospitalization.
Gloria Lash - worsening Parkinson's disease (Litzinger).
The continuing war in Ukraine.

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

Continuing

Kathleen Tarr - outpatient psychiatric treatment program. **David Smith** - receiving palliative care at home (Deb Carter's father). Martha Rosenberger (Cassie's mother) - treatments for cancer. **Stephanie** - healing from brain surgery (Nick/Sue McMillon's daughter) Jan Rothman - strengthening at Surrey Place (Lisa Duke's mother). Phil Clark - struggling with healing from hip surgery (Changyit-Levin). Kari Borgmann - her mom turned 100 this spring; health issues. Rene Pelligrino and family - as she deals with multiple health issues. **Rebecca Ray** - that her book on suicide prevention will be published. **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). **Sharon Thiemann** - undergoing cancer treatment (Svenson). **Nelson Spencer** - continued treatment for multiple issues (Svenson). 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]

Glady 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 Wilcoxen - *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! Gerry and Mike Rogers - great-grandson *Myles* due in August. 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.

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.