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Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

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

Flowers given by Greg Schmelig in honor of the 9 years after their first meeting. Doug and Greg. Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing flowers for worship. 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

08/04 Lori Connors 08/05 Amy Cobb 08/07 Laura McKenzie 08/08 Ruth Peace 08/09 Kevin Cameron 08/10 Davis Weas

Anniversaries

08/07 Matt & Rachel Ullrich 08/10 Kris & Tom McKenzie

11th Sunday after **Pentecost**

Two Sisters, Two Brothers, Two Cousins, Two Sons

Sunday, August 04, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Prelude *O God in Heaven* – arr. by James E. Clemens, based on HALAD (trad. tune of the Philippines), ©2007 by Faith & Life Resources, a division of Mennonite Publishing Network

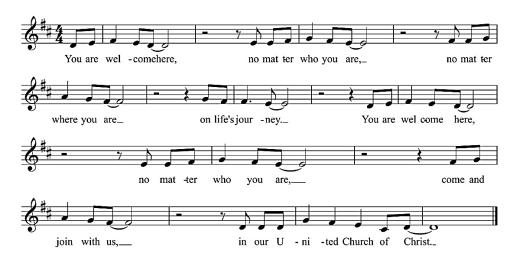
Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ John 20:21

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, I send you."

Lighting the Candles & Ringing the Bell

Welcome Song You Are Welcome Here



Scripture and Sharing Two Sisters Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Song Martha Labored in the Kitchen by Carol Winfrey Gillette (Tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | #356 Red Hymnol)

Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well? Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell? May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today! All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, help us to hear your stories and repeat what Jesus said and did - love, listen, share, care. Amen.

***Response** Spirit of the Living God | #322 | Red Hymnal 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 and Sharing Two Brothers Luke 15:11-32, selected verses Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said, 'Father, I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He asked what was going on. They replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your money, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was lost and has been found.'"

Response Amazing Grace | #280, v1 Red Hymnal Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see

UCC Justice Moment 1957 | Spiritual and Ethnic Traditions Unite

The United Church of Christ is born when the Evangelical and Reformed Church unites with the Congregational Christian Churches. The new community embraces a rich variety of spiritual traditions and welcomes believers of African, Asian, Pacific, Latin Am, Native Am and European descent.

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

Offertory Anthem *I Am the Bread of Life* – by S. Suzanne Toolan (words John 6, adapt.), ©1966 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

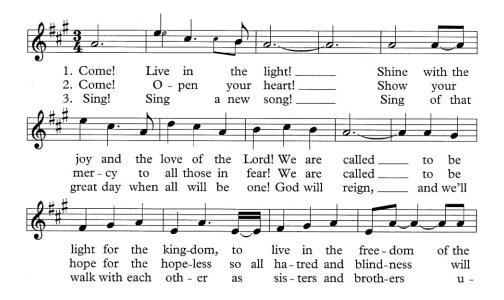
And I will raise you up on the last day."

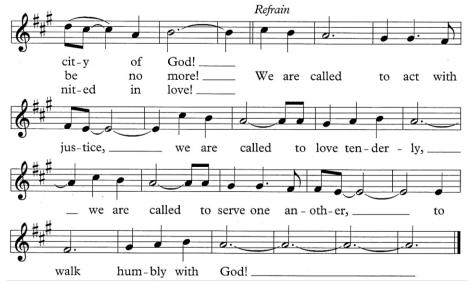
"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,

And who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Creator beckons."

***Response** We Are Called





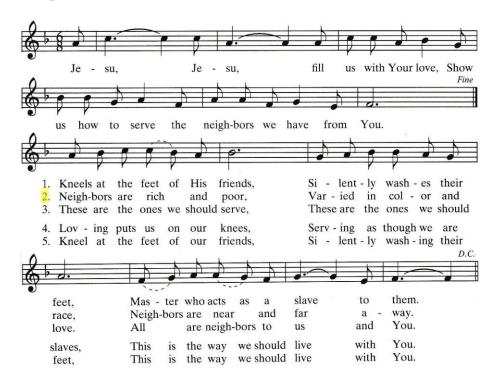
*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, thank you for being with us every day as we make decisions about what to do with our time, talents and treasures. Help us to share our love in the words we use and the things we do. Amen.

Scripture and Sharing Two Cousins Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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



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.]

*Breaking Bread & Pouring Wine/Juice

Please come forward in the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. All are welcome! Gluten-free wafers are on the communion table. Grape juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the center circles. Please return by the side aisles.

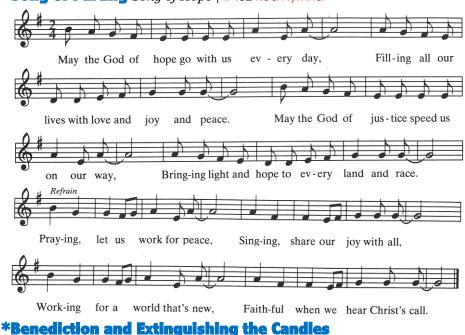
Communion Interlude *Be Not Afraid* – by Robert J. Dufford, © 1975, 1978 by Robert J. Dufford, SJ and New Dawn Music

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, God, for this simple sacred meal. Help us to be strengthened by it so we can be more like Jesus. Amen.

Scripture and Sharing Two Sons Matthew 21:28-30

Jesus said, "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.



*Song of Parting Song of Hope | #432 Red Hymnal

***Music for Going Forth** *Lesson No.1, Andante* – by Samuel Long (c.1725?-1764), originally published posthumously in 1770. From English Keyboard

Music Especially for Organ ©MCMLXIII by J. Fischer & Bro.

Announcements

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

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Personal Stories about Living with Blindness," by Jenny Carmack and Richie.

August 4 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Jenny Carmack is a National Federation of the Blind first vice president and president of the Lewis and Clark National Federation of the Blind Chapter for St. Louis. Among other things, Jenny has run summer camps for blind kids for a number of years at Parkway Church.

People misunderstand the disability called blindness and perceive things from the perspective of: "This is how I would do it" and just don't understand that people who are blind, given the opportunity to be properly trained and have access to resources, can do most everything that anyone else can do — except see.

Join Jenny and her student and friend, Richie, as they share their stories about living with blindness, dispel stereotypes, ask for empathy and understanding, but not pity, and advocate for accessibility and inclusion at home, at work, and in the community.

All programs start following worship service at 11:15am in the Heritage Room. Please contact Richard Scherrer for any questions or comments 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – August 6

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007 You are invited to stop in on Zoom on August 6th and join in on discussing TAD's first book for the 24/25 year, Somehow: Thoughts on Love by Anne Lamott. Fellowship and social time starts at 1:45, and we'll start the book discussion at 2. Typically, there are 6-10 people in the discussion. Whether or not you've ever participated in a book discussion group before, this group is for you. We'd love to have you. We'll discuss the first 5 chapters on August 6th, and finish the book on August 20th.

From Penguin Random House: "Love is our only hope," Anne Lamott writes in this perceptive new book. "It is not always the easiest choice, but it is always the right one, the noble path, the way home to safety, no matter how bleak the future looks."

"In Somehow: Thoughts on Love, Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. "Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere" and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love. Somehow is Anne Lamott's twentieth book, and in it she draws from her own life and experience to delineate the intimate and elemental ways that love buttresses us in the face of despair as it galvanizes us to believe that tomorrow will be better than today. Full of the compassion and humanity that have made Lamott beloved by millions of readers, Somehow is classic Anne Lamott: funny, warm, and wise."

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

The Upper Room Small Group

Wednesday, August 7 | 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.

An Afternoon of Friendship and Community West County

Interfaith Alliance Party in the Park

Sunday, Aug. 11 | 2-4pm | Creve Coeur Lake Park - Greensfelder Pavilion Gather with our interfaith friends from across West County for watermelon, cookies, popsicles and shade sitting or lawn games. Join us as we continue to build friendship and community in the county. It is clear that we need to focus on loving our neighbors now more than ever.

Questions? Contact Kevin Cameron ~ kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

August 13 | 6-8pm |Heritage Room

Tuesday Evening Dialogue returns on August 13. We will be discussing our various summer reads and planning our reading schedule for our next book The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. This book is historical fiction based on the true story of the woman Johanna Bonger who was responsible for introducing Vincent Van Gogh's art work and his legacy to the world. She was Van Gogh's widowed sister-in-law who inherited his paintings, sketches and letters.

Please join us in the Heritage Room for Pot Luck at 6 pm with book discussion starting at 7 pm. Newcomers are always welcome!

For questions please contact Helen Race at 314-401-4382 or raceh@att.net.

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.



Osler Piano Quintet

Sunday Aug. 18 | 1:30-3pm | New Sanctuary You are invited to attend the Osler Piano Quintet, a classical music quintet consisting of Violin, viola, cello, bass & piano. They are playing for free but they will accept donations which will be evenly split between the church and Saint Louis Children's Choir. Some of the pieces they will play are: Piano Quintet No. 1, Op. 30 *Louise Farrenc*, Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667 *"Trout" Quintet* by Franz Schubert. For more information, contact Kathy Ferrell kathy@parkwayucc.org

Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 19 | 2pm | Panera 13275 Manchester Rd, Des Peres Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP - just show up! Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Festival of Nations Multicultural Celebration

August 24-25 | Tower Grove Park

Save the date and join the community for a celebration of music, flavors, art and culture from around the world!

Volunteers at the festival are the ones who make the event happen! Over 400 volunteers make the event come to life. With your help, Festival of Nations truly is an event where everyone is welcome.

https://festofnations.com/volunteer

Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, August 27 | 8-10am | 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. 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

Another Isaiah 58 Opportunity

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 12-count colored pencils, and if possible, 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

HOLD THE DATE

The annual Fall Business Meeting of the St. Louis Association will be held on October 5, 2024 beginning with a continental breakfast at 8am. The formal meeting will begin with worship at 9am at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 826 Union Blvd.; Saint Louis 63108-1040; Phone: (314) 367-8173; pilgrim826@sbcglobal.net ; http://www.pilgrimucc-stl.org; Pastor Kevin Anthony

Prayer List Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far. Debbie Reinhardt and Karen Mariani - PUCC new members!

Concerns

Evelyn Buretta - healing from last week's breast cancer surgery **Mike Rogers** - cardiac ablation procedure today, July 30. **Gail Haack** - figuring out meds and dealing with treatment challenges. **The continuing war in Ukraine. War in the Mideast** - Israel and Hamas.... ceasefire talks in progress.

Continuing

Marion Pleis - strengthening after recent back procedure. Shara Storm - undergoing treatments for cancer (Stifel). Rocco Stolze and family - healing from gender affirming surgery. Chris Zoller - strengthening after recent surgery. Kathleen Tarr - completed outpatient psychiatric treatment program. David Smith - receiving palliative care at home (Deb Carter's father). Martha Rosenberger - treatments for cancer (Cassie's mother). Stephanie - healing from brain surgery (Nick/Sue McMillon's daughter) John Force & family - healing after race car crash (McKenzie). Jan Rothman - strengthening at Surrey Place (Lisa Duke's mother). 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 (John and Joyce Ruiz). Joseph Miller - long road to healing (son of Deb Carter). 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 - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-312-1129 [birthdate: August 13] Pinky Wilcoxen - Delmar Gardens Creve Coeur; 850 Country Manor Ln; #132; 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.

One Family Worship - *markers, crayons, and colored pencils available in front pew July 7, 2024*

Find all of the places where Jesus' name is written in the worship bulletin.

Which of the songs have you heard before?

Look at the Prayer List on page 13-14 Pray.

You have been talking about JUSTICE downstairs in Sunday School this summer. What do you remember talking about and doing downstairs --- stories, experiments, games, snacks?

On the back of this paper, draw what you see in the stained glass windows. (There is more paper, crayons, pencils up on the front pews)

In the gospel lesson from Luke (on page 5), Jesus tells a story about brothers. Think about when you were upset with your sibling or friend. How were you able to still be loving and forgiving?

What helps you be forgiving when someone hurts you?

Draw some pictures of grapes and fruits-things found in vineyards!