

PALM SUNDAY



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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.

Worship Serving Today

Scripture Reader is Ashley Milam.

Flowers given by Linda Tossing in memory of Bill Tossing.

Treats after worship provided by Nancy Litzinger.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these serving opportunities or join the corresponding group, please scan the QR code and click on the **Serving Opportunities Calendar**. Thanks!



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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

4/14 Mike Comens

4/14 Betty Scherrer

4/15 Richard Hoch

4/15 Karen Nolte

4/15 Vivienne Reed

4/16 Alexander Doty

4/16 April Tallyn

4/19 Cameron Carter

4/19 Carol Russell

Entering/Exiting the City

Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Warm greetings on this Palm Sunday

Please come up front to place a palm in the cross.

Prelude *Variation on a Theme: Sing Hosanna!*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Every exit is an entrance somewhere else. ~unknown

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

Introit *Sing Hosanna!*

(Tune same as ‘Give Me Oil in My Lamp’)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Keep me praising 'till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

Sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

Sing hosanna to the King.

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 | CEB—Common English Bible

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it.

Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

***Call to Worship** Inspired by Psalm 118

One:	Give thanks to God, for God is good.
Many:	God's steadfast love endures forever!
One:	This is the day that God has made.
Many:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
One:	Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Many:	God has given us light.
One:	Give thanks to God, for God is good.
Many:	Therefore, in God, we too can be good, grateful and committed to love and light again and again.
One:	We are part of what God is about to do through Creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

***Song** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Please come up front to place a palm in the cross anytime during this hymn if you haven't yet done so.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. *Fine*

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

*Lenten Candles Traveling with Jesus

We lit seven candles as we embarked on this Lenten journey. We want the light of the Holy to illumine our path as we seek to be the words and ways of Jesus. We commit to being more infused by the Spirit as we travel. Even as we know this is good and important work, we recognize that it isn't easy—and we will come upon the shadow side of humanity and some of our own unique darkness.

We extinguish one candle each time we gather for worship this season, acknowledging that this can be tough and exhausting work. As we approach the desertion and depletion of Good Friday, we also prepare ourselves for the dawn and love of Easter morning... the light that never goes out.

Prayer at the Candles Holy One, we travel this Lenten journey, knowing that you are with us every step of the way, wherever we find ourselves – whether in the wilderness, at home, out in the vineyard, on the road, as a guest in someone else's house or entering/exiting the city. We make this journey to be with Jesus and to become more like him. Send the light of Your Spirit to illumine our path and to help us along the way. Amen.

Response *The Servant Song*, v 2 and 4



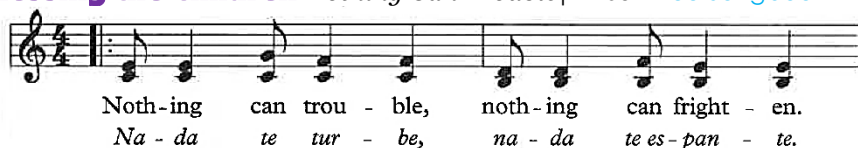
1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil- grims on a jour-ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o- ny.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 09 (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 09, 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 *Nothing Can Trouble* | #2054 *Blue Songbook*



Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.



1
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing.
Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.



2
God a - lone fills us.
So - lo Dios bas - ta.

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 | MSG—The Message

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs him, and will return him right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, “What are you doing untying that colt?” The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!

Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

Jesus entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

Scripture Luke 22:14-29 | CEB

When the time [of Passover] came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won’t eat it again until it is fulfilled in God’s kingdom.” After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won’t drink from the fruit of the vine until God’s kingdom has come.”

After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, “This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

“But look! My betrayer is with me; his hand is on this table. The Human One goes just as it has been determined. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays him.” They began to argue among themselves about which of them it could possibly be who would do this.

An argument broke out among the disciples over which one of them should be regarded as the greatest.

But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles rule over their subjects, and those in authority over them are called ‘friends of the people.’ But that’s not the way it will be with you. Instead, the greatest among you must become like a person of lower status and the leader like a servant. So which one is greater, the one who is seated at the table or the one who serves at the table? Isn’t it the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. “You are the ones who have continued with me in my trials. And I confer royal power on you just as God granted royal power to me.”

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

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.]

Mission Moment ^{2nd Mile Lent/Easter}

Pam Manning

Heifer Int'l | **Lydia’s House** | Unleashing Potential | Bread for the World

Offering Our Gifts to God

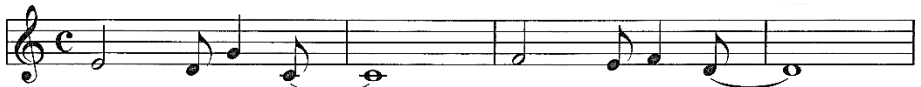


If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.


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Offering Interlude *Hosanna Filio David (Hosanna to the Son of David)*
Traditional Melody Arranged by Amy Freeman

*Response *Here Are Our Hearts*



Here are our hearts. _____ Here are our hands. _____



Here are our lives. _____ Use them as You can. _____ Show us those who hurt.



_____ Show us those in need. _____ Show us how to serve.



_____ Teach us how to see. _____

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, even now, on this complicated day, when we are tempted to close our eyes and cover our ears, we cannot – because we know that our gifts, generosity and graces are needed. Keep us focused and faithful as we react and respond to the needs around us – both near and far. Amen.

*Response

Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God who gives us hearts to care.
Praise God who gives us gifts to share.
Praise God for helping us to give.
So others in the world might live. Amen.**

Benediction

As we have entered this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that are rough and jarring as there are challenging chapters ahead of us this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. God will help us when our focus slips. The Spirit will bring us back to the path set before us. Thinking of Jesus' strength and tenderness will increase our faithfulness.

The Holy reaches out to us to draw us close – even now. Listen for the voice and guidance of Jesus, rather than responding to the shouts of the crowd. Whatever this week brings into your life, God is with you. May you trust in the blessings of the Spirit today and always.

Go in peace.

Response *Perilous Journey* Elijah Gwyn

***Song of Parting** *Lord of All Hopefulness* | #2197 *Blue Songbook*



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: Be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be
hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: Be
voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: Be



there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***God's Light Goes Forth** *Lord of All Hopefulness*

THANK YOU to Elijah Gwyn for creating and sharing his piano piece, *Perilous Journey*, on this Palm Sunday. This song was composed to tell a mysterious and miraculous story. It represents the dark and difficult times that happen in life... times when the world is overwhelming and obscure, times when things seem slightly dangerous and unclear. This song expresses the truth that life is not always brimming with sunshine, but that occasional fog sneaks into the world, cloaking everything in perplexing murkiness... yet, there is always hope, hope for a better future, if only we have faith — if only we work together and pave a way forward to a better life for all.

Perilous Journey encompasses all of this, encouraging perseverance in the face of persecution and inspiring the ambition to support the world and to always see the brightness in everything, no matter how bleak it appears. Darkness will always exist — but so too, will light.

Announcements

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

Our Communications Team is very active and is exploring all kinds of avenues. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel today. Our YouTube Channel is **@parkwayuccsl**. There is a subscribe button under the main heading and brief description of our church. Thank you! Questions? Please contact **barbharris@charter.net** or **cynthianouri@gmail.com**

10 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day All Year

The Eco Stewards would like to invite you to visit our table display in honor of Earth Day **TODAY**. We will have tables set up in the Gathering Space after church. Our committee members will be there to answer questions, give out brochures and handouts, offer crafty ideas and an area to write down your own Earth Day resolutions and promises.

Earth Day is **Tuesday, April 22**. But Earth Day – Every Day, *right?*

Here are just 10 ways you can be eco-friendly long after Earth Day is over:

1. Plant a tree: Trees produce oxygen and help reduce air pollution. A single tree can absorb 10 pounds of air pollutants a year, and produce nearly 260 pounds of oxygen, according to the nonprofit American Forests.
2. Recycle reusable materials: The average person generates more than four pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year, according to DoSomething.org.
3. Donate or recycle used electronics: Electronic waste includes computers, cell phones, televisions and other electronic devices in working or non-working conditions that are no longer used.
4. Cut back on driving: Use public transportation, organize a carpool, ride a bike or walk whenever possible. Leaving your car at home two days a week will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,600 pounds per year, according to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.
5. Reduce your energy use: Unplug electronics when you're not using them. In the average home, 75 percent of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off.
6. Use reusable bags: Each year, Americans throw away about 100 billion polyethylene plastic bags and about 10 billion paper bags, according to Earth911.
7. Buy locally: The average meal in the U.S. travels 1,200 miles from the farm to your plate, according to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.
8. Clean up the earth: More than 51 billion pieces of litter land on U.S. roadways each year, and litter cleanup costs the nation almost \$11.5 billion each year, according to the nonprofit Keep America Beautiful.
9. Explore the outdoors: Get to know your community better and explore the beauty of nature. Go for a walk, run or hike with friends and family, or a group.
10. Participate in eco-friendly activities: Earth Day is April 22, but many people extend the celebration to make it Earth Week.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – April 15

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 us on April 1st and 15th for our Lenten study, *The Poetry of Lent: A Lenten Companion to Mary Oliver's poetry book, Devotions*. The words of scripture and the poetry of Mary Oliver will be our guides. Biblical texts and Oliver's poems illumine each other, pointing toward simple, powerful practices you can try yourself, or with your family or friends. Join in on Zoom at 1:45 pm for fellowship, or 2 pm - 3 pm for book discussion. Newcomers are welcome! Please contact Jackie Eiffert, jeiffert2@gmail.com with questions

Easter—Intertwine Style!

Welcome our Jewish and Muslim friends

This year, we've had a series of experiencing each other's holy days with our Intertwine Interfaith Initiative friends. Some of you have accepted the invitations to share Shabbat at Congregation Shaare Emeth and Iftar dinners breaking the Ramadan fast. Our Jewish and Muslim friends are looking forward to hearing the Easter story of Jesus' resurrection and celebrate the renewal and hope of this new day. And they are very excited for their first egg hunt after the 10am service. Please welcome our friends warmly, answer any questions they may have about the holiday, help them navigate the flow of the morning, and enjoy this special celebration.

April Earth Day Events in the St. Louis Area

Please consider joining the community in these events at the end of the month

Earth Day Extravaganza at the Weber Road Library

Tuesday, April 22 | 10:00am | 4444 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123

Celebrate Earth Day with special crafts and activities at the Weber Road Branch Library.

Earth day

Saturday, April 26 | 9-11am | Central Park Chesterfield

E-Cycling and Shredding, Textile recycling. In addition, there will be plants, seeds, trees and compost giveaways.

Recycling For A Cause

Saturday, April 26 | 9am-12pm | 12851 Manchester Rd, Saint Louis, MO 63131

At the McCarthy Building in Des Peres, items that will be collected will be desktops, laptops networking gear, gaming consoles, TVs, and most items with a cord (no large appliances). All proceeds to benefit STL Hero Network.

Saint Louis Earth Day Festival

April 26-27 | 11am-5pm both days | Muny Grounds in Forest Park

The St. Louis Earth Day Festival is a community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations. The festival is held on the Muny grounds in Forest Park. It is free to the public. The festival features local entertainment and local Green Dining Alliance restaurants.

Manchester Maker's Mart & Arbor Day Festival

Saturday, April 26 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Schroeder Park

This is the 4th year for this Festival, Presented by Manchester Art.

Creve Coeur Arbor Day Celebration & Art Contest

Sunday, April 27 | 1-3pm | Millennium Park

The community is invited to celebrate Arbor Day on April 27 at Millennium Park (2 Barnes West Dr.) with a free sapling giveaway, tree planting demonstration, activities for kids, educational displays, and a performance by Babaloo Music & Fun!

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

Tuesday, April 22 | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us as we read and discuss our book selection for Lent entitled *Reading the Psalms Again for the First Time* by the Rev. Dr. Clint McCann from Eden Seminary. It promises to be an interesting study of how the Psalms encourage and inspire action within ourselves to work towards justice and peace.

Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation! Potluck at 6pm followed by a book discussion at 7pm that evening with a Zoom option for those unable to make it person. Newcomers are always welcome! For questions, please contact Helen Race at raceh@att.net.

Coffee and Conversation at Panera

Friday, April 25 | 10am | Panera on Manchester Road in Des Peres

Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect!

No need to RSVP - just show up!

Other dates: **Tuesday, May 20** at 2pm

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

STL Association Spring Fellowship Gathering Trivia Night

Friday, April 25 | Doors open 6:15pm; Trivia starts 7pm | 15370 Olive Blvd.

So far, we have 4 people at the table. We need 4 more. Cost is \$20 per person. Scan the QR code to register!

There will be ten rounds of ten questions. The Association will provide: water, lemonade, soft drinks, and popcorn. We can decorate our table to celebrate something special about our church. We'll want to bring together a "gift card" basket for their silent auction. We ask the congregation to purchase gift cards and get them to Amy Yakel. She can put them together in a basket. Any dollar amount or place is fine. Amy will need the gift cards by **Easter Sunday**.



This event is intended to raise funds to support our contributions to Mission Partners, Members in Discernment and our Committees on Ministry.

For more questions, contact Amy Yakel at da_yakel@att.net

April 2025 Alzheimer's News

While the exact cause of Alzheimer's Disease has long evaded scientists, new research published in the journal "Alzheimer's and Dementia" suggests there could be a single, simple cause. The study analyzed existing research and data, including a 2022 study that found most biological pathways can be linked to A.D., and proposed that "stress granules" may be the reason Alzheimer's

Disease develops in some people and not others. These “stress granules” disrupt molecule movements between a cell’s nucleus and its cytoplasm (the jelly-like substance that surrounds the nucleus where important chemical processes occur). The disruptions mess with a slew of essential biological processes, including cell survival and metabolism, and gene expression, the researchers theorized. The changes in gene expression then led to some of the key markers seen in Alzheimer’s patients: tau protein tangles and inflammation. “Stress granules” are basically clumps of proteins and RNA (a nucleic acid in cells with similar structures to DNA) that form when a cell is under stress. These clumps form temporarily in the cell in response to stress in the environment. They help the cell press “pause” on normal functioning until it recovers. Normally these “stress granules” serve an important purpose: helping protect the cell, then dissolving when the stressful event is over. In people with Alzheimer’s Disease, the granules don’t seem to dissolve, which keeps the essential molecules from moving in and out of the cell’s nucleus as they normally would. If the stress is chronic, the cell’s normal business is affected. That can eventually harm the cell and could lead to the progression of Alzheimer’s Disease.

You can learn more by going to 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. 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 and/or contact PUC’s Faith Outreach Ambassador with the Alzheimer’s Association, Joyce Ruiz at joyceruiz7@gmail.com

Intertwine Interfaith Game Night **Deepen our interfaith friendships**

Saturday, May 3 | 6-8pm | Fellowship Hall

We will have all kinds of games available to pick up and play with others at round tables in our Fellowship Hall - including *chess*, *checkers*, *Uno*, *Operation*, *Sorry*, *Chutes and Ladders*, *Clue*, *Pictionary*. There will be *backgammon* and *mahjongg* lessons for beginners. There will be some fun group games and some rounds of *Bingo* for everyone - yes, PRIZES! Learn how to make balloon animals and juggle. The popcorn machine will be on, and we will have water, lemonade, coffee and tea. Please consider bringing halal and kosher treats to share. No RSVP needed. Just come! Questions?

Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org

Spring Family Friendship Potluck – Sunday, May 4

For families with children, you are invited to a Friendship Potluck on Sunday, May 4. After service, we will head to the church playground where the kids can run around and play while the parents relax, get to know each other and enjoy the day! If it rains, we’ll move indoors to the Fellowship Hall. Bring the entire family and a dish to share! Please RSVP to Cindy Wessel or Kathy Burcham.

Cindy Wessel cindywessel@yahoo.com

Kathy Burcham kathleenburcham@sbcglobal.net

For those who signed up for the Spring Friendship Dinners, the dinner hosts have been given the list of their guests. Guests will be contacted by their host to plan the dinner.

Adventurous Women Out Late 2025

Come build relationships with other PUCCers in 2025.

Hey ladies! Put these on your calendar! And we can add more! Just send me what you'd like to do! I am hoping to add a walking tour with the History Museum when they add weekend dates to their calendar.

Saturday, May 24: PJs and a Rom-Com in the Heritage Room 6pm.

Bring a snack to share! Movie TBA

Question? Contact Carmen Bumgarner at cfbum@charter.net

SAVE THE DATE: Habitat for Humanity Project—July 12

Parkway UCC is doing our annual Habitat for Humanity housing building project on Saturday, July 12. More info to come. Donate to the STL Habitat for Humanity at <https://www.habitatstl.org/donate/>. For more info, or if you'd like to be on the 7/12 crew, contact Tom at mckenzie1947@att.net

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we begin this next chapter with Amy Freeman as your organist/pianist, we're seeking people to be a part of our music program. We're looking for individuals willing to sing a solo, duet, trio or to sing with a group seasonally (Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter) and/or to sing with the First Sunday Choir each first Sunday of the month at 9am. We're also gathering names of instrumentalists who'd share their talents in worship, and those interested in joining a hand chime choir. Please reach out to amy@parkwayucc.org today.

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PUCC APP TODAY!

Parkway UCC's App is a robust tool that helps us connect and communicate easily. One Church is a gamechanger that will help us to be more vital. Scan the QR code to see the instructions for downloading the app:



Our online member directory is a feature many of you have been waiting for! We take your privacy seriously. The directory is accessible only to PUCC members and staff who use their password to login.

We have also begun using our new front door keypad installed on the brick wall to the right of the doors by our Safety Team. Please select your own unique 4-digit code and send it to gabriel@parkwayucc.org so we can load it into the keypad and troubleshoot as needed.

We are happy to help you with anything and everything One Church – including taking your profile photo on a Sunday morning! Just ask!

Most Sundays there is someone well-versed in One Church standing over by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please let them know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Questions? Contact: Cindy - cynthianouri@gmail.com;

Barb - barbharris@charter.net or Gabriel - gabriel@Parkwayucc.org

Prayer List

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Celebrations

The Lenten Journey: *Traveling with Jesus.*

Martha Jean Smith - new great-granddaughter for Charlotte Smith.

Estela Margarita Dávila born April 7 to Bethany Eiffert & Enrique Dávila -
- grandmother Jackie Eiffert; great-grandma Marion Pleis.

Concerns

Bill and Kathy Hilgeman - his pneumonia is healing while at Mo-Bap.

John and Dottie Dwyer - as he continues medical tests and consults.

Randy and Karla Beck - in rehab after surgery on his broken leg.

Vicki - healing after back surgery (sister-in-law of John/Joyce Ruiz).

Mark McKenzie back in the hospital - cognitive issues (Tom's brother).

Mark and Phyllis Rogers - prep for move to Belize (Mike's brother).

Rev Mark Boyea (Sanibel UCC) - cancer tx after Easter (Svenson).

Emily Sheldon and family on the death of her grandmother (Haack).

The grief and resilience of **Myanmar and Thailand** after *earthquake*.

Continued chaos and grief in the Middle East.

The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.

Continuing

Jack and Peggy Sieber - healing of his hip fracture; home from rehab.

Jo Grove - healing after a fall that resulted in stitches and bruised ribs.

Lori and Dan Connors - her broken shoulder blade and eye surgery.

Herpels, Siebers, Kleins, Waites, Haggards - grieving loved ones.

Kathleen Tarr - healing after recent foot surgery - making progress.

Keith Borgmann - continuing to gain strength after illness.

Steve and Paige Penico Family - as they navigate his ALS.

Carole Gwyn - ongoing health issues (David's mother).

Phil and Amy and daughter B - as his terminal illness progresses.

Barry Luedloff - healing after open-heart surgery and pacemaker.

Rick - receiving chemotherapy (father of Laura Waite).

John Ruiz's oldest brother and wife - healing in Cape Girardeau.

John & Nancy Tallyn - his heart condition; her recurring leukemia, etc

Sharon and Chuck - a variety of health issues (Gerry Rogers' cousins).

Craig Hoffman - career Navy officer receiving hospice care (Svenson).

Haack's general practitioner and his wife - healing happening.

Kari Borgmann - her mom turns 101 in 2025; health issues.

Renee Pellegrino & 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).

Ruth Hughes - recent discharge from hospice; PT now (Schneider).

Seger Ruiz - paralyzed from car accident (John and Joyce Ruiz).

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

Bill & Nancy Darland - his ongoing health issues.

Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack - chronic health challenges.

Home-Centered/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Lewis Junior Burcham - *The Glenwood*; 1635 N. Baltimore Ave #25; Mt. Zion, IL 62549; 217-864-1757 [birthday: January 15]

Mildred Hoxie - *Sunrise at Bluemont Park*, 5900 Wilson Blvd. #253, Arlington, VA 22205; [birthdate: January 15]

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; 314-993-0469 naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30]

Gladys Sims - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*; Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]

Judy Waddell - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-369-4885 [birthdate: August 13]

Other

Pres Trump, VP Vance, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

Our trans siblings as they deal with harmful state/federal policy plans.

All who depend on USAID programs that have been eliminated.

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.

+ **Drivers Needed** From time to time, PUCers are in need of rides to medical appts when their usual circle of support is unavailable. Some in our church family also need help getting to worship. Please let kevin@parkwayucc.org know you are willing to help and you'll be added to the list of potential drivers. Thx!

Holy Week at Parkway: April 13-20, 2025

Monday Walk

Travel the Mercy Center Labyrinth anytime that works for you on Monday – dawn to dusk. Raining? BYOU (umbrella).

This ancient ritual can be enlightening and encouraging for our faith walk.

The Mercy Center is at 2039 N Geyer Rd 63131. Drive up the hill into the main parking lot and park on the far right. Look to the right - across the clearing - to see the Labyrinth. There is also a labyrinth next to church on the edge of our property with Missouri Baptist Hospital. Walk the natural incline at the northwest corner of our front parking lot... or drive Jennifer Lane to our lower lot (ask us if this is a mystery to you).

Text Tuesday

Send us a photo via kevin@parkwayucc.org or text (314-330-0629) of a place that has filled your spirit. Describe this place and your feelings/thoughts about it. Let us know if you are okay with us sharing your photo and ponderings on the church's Facebook page or Instagram – better yet, feel free to post it there yourself.

<https://www.facebook.com/parkwayunitedchurchofchrist/>

https://www.instagram.com/parkwayucc_stl/

Prayer Partner on Wednesday

Drop-in between 9am-12pm to the Prayer Corner of the Sanctuary. If someone is here with Kevin, please wait in the Gathering Space for them to come out. If this time doesn't work for you, reach out to make other arrangements with kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary at 7pm

Maundy comes from the root word of command and mandate – Jesus tells us to love one another. It's like he knows we are in the *Show Me State* when he embodies this commitment in foot washing and in communion.

His love transforms. Jesus leads the way to faithful living.

How do we continue to feel this intimate connection?

We will celebrate communion and bless one another's traveling shoes.

Good Friday Prayer Service in the Historic Sanctuary across the street at noon. Come to this sacred space where we will observe silence, sing and pray together. We will go with Jesus to the cross.

This is a more contemplative experience.

Good Friday Evening Worship in the Sanctuary at 7pm

Join us this dark night at the cross.

How did we get here? What are we able to see?

Add a nail to the cross at the start of the service as we recognize that we are complicit. Remove a nail at the end of the service as we feel our own power to create a different future.

36 Hour Prayer Vigil from Good Friday evening through Easter morning. Sign up to take one of the hours as we observe this time alone and together.



Learn more and sign up using this QR code -

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6am in Elm Lawn Cemetery (behind the Historic Sanctuary).

We will feel the son rise and the sun rise together.

What were the women thinking as they went to the tomb with their spices, fears and prayers? What do they do after this remarkable resurrection experience?

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at 10am.... followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

Our long journey of Lent and Holy Week brings us to this splendid surprise. Pick up a flower as you enter the sanctuary and place it in the cross where the palms and nails were during the week.

We have been traveling with Jesus every step of the way.
Where will he go next?
Where will we go?

++ All worship services are in person and on YouTube Live.

Holy Week Word Scramble

loyh kewe
wne elfi
yill
estno
obtm
ptmreut
lgnea
valie
scors
pgnirs
trosroe
veepsree
tofo shngawi

ampl nyduas
numcoinmo
suesj
sclepdii
odog yridfa
rrypae gilvi
kyeodn
nubyn
russtcerino
uymadn shryatud
yedabert
refrove
nurseis

LAST WEEK In Sunday School

As Jesus passed through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem, he healed a man who was blind and ate with Zacchaeus, a tax collector who repents from his sins (Luke 18:31–19:10).

TODAY In Sunday School

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey to great celebration. But later that week, Judas agrees to betray Jesus, Jesus shares a last supper with his disciples, and Jesus dies on a cross mocked and forsaken (Luke 19:29-40; 22:1-6, 14-23; 23:32-47).

THE POINT

We celebrate Jesus as our savior, who lived and loved for us.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

His disciples herald Jesus as a king. God had promised David that he would always have a descendant on the throne, but Israel had not had a king for the last 600 years. But God promised through the prophets that a new, anointed king (messiah) would come. Many Jews at the time hoped for the coming of this messiah to re-establish the kingdom of David and free the people from Roman rule. But Jesus offered a different understanding of “messiah”—one that his disciples had a hard time accepting.

STORY SUMMARY

In the first of today’s stories, Jesus prepares to enter Jerusalem. In the city, a large crowd cheers his arrival, calling him a king and praising heaven for his mighty deeds. Jesus celebrates Passover with his disciples and tells them about his betrayal and crucifixion. This is the Last Supper that we remember in our celebration of Holy Communion. As he is dying on the cross, two men being crucified with him take different views of what is happening. One mocks Jesus, while the other seeks forgiveness from him. Even at his death, Jesus reaches out to comfort and forgive the criminal. At the moment of Jesus’ death, a Roman guard realizes that Jesus is who he says he is: the Son of God.

PRACTICE: Prayer

One way to pray is with loud shouts of joy while dancing and celebrating Jesus as the Messiah. Just like Jesus’ followers in today’s story, we can take time out, once in a while, to sing and dance and shout out how happy we are that Jesus is our king. This week, look for opportunities to celebrate both the happy and sad events of Holy Week.

NEXT WEEK In Sunday School

Angels announce to several female disciples that Jesus was raised from the dead. Later that day, Jesus walks with two disciples as they travel to Emmaus. He teaches from Scripture about himself, unrecognized until he breaks bread with them (Luke 24:1-12, 13-35).