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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 Emma Zyriek-Rhodes.
Flowers are given by the Rauscher Family in celebration of the wedding of Nathan Rauscher to Jordyn Patterson on Friday, February 20, 2026.
Treats provided by Karla Beck.
Our Prayer Chaplain this morning is Lynn Mark.

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

3/31 Matthew Williams
4/1 Liz Lyons
4/2 Kevin Rauscher
4/4 Jeniffer Krpan

Anniversary

3/29 Donna & Roger Fauss

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & YouTube Live
When you see the (*), please rise in body or spirit - depending on your comfort.

Prelude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

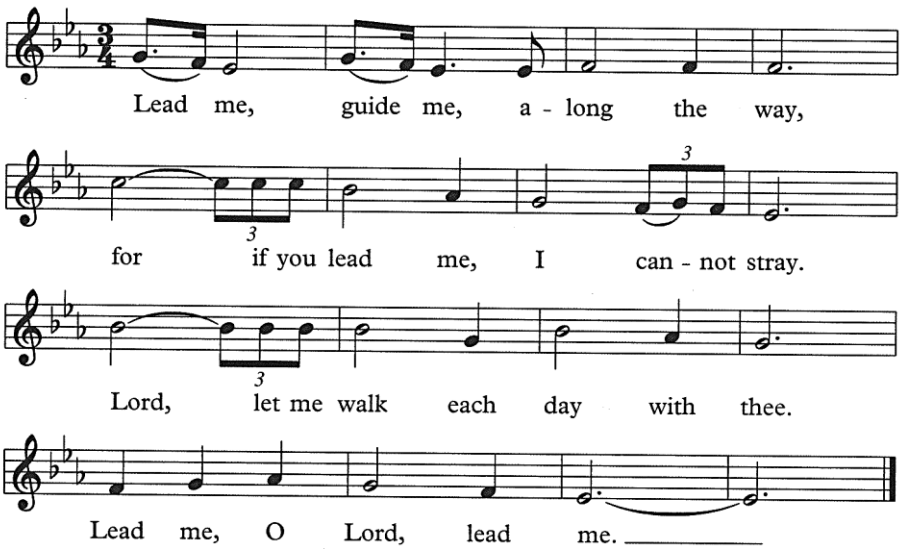
Meditation The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. ~Mahatma Gandhi

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 *Lead Me, Guide Me* (refrain)



Palm Sunday Scripture Matthew 21:1-11 | New Revised Standard Updated
When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."
This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:
"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"
The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Palm Procession *Sing Hosanna*

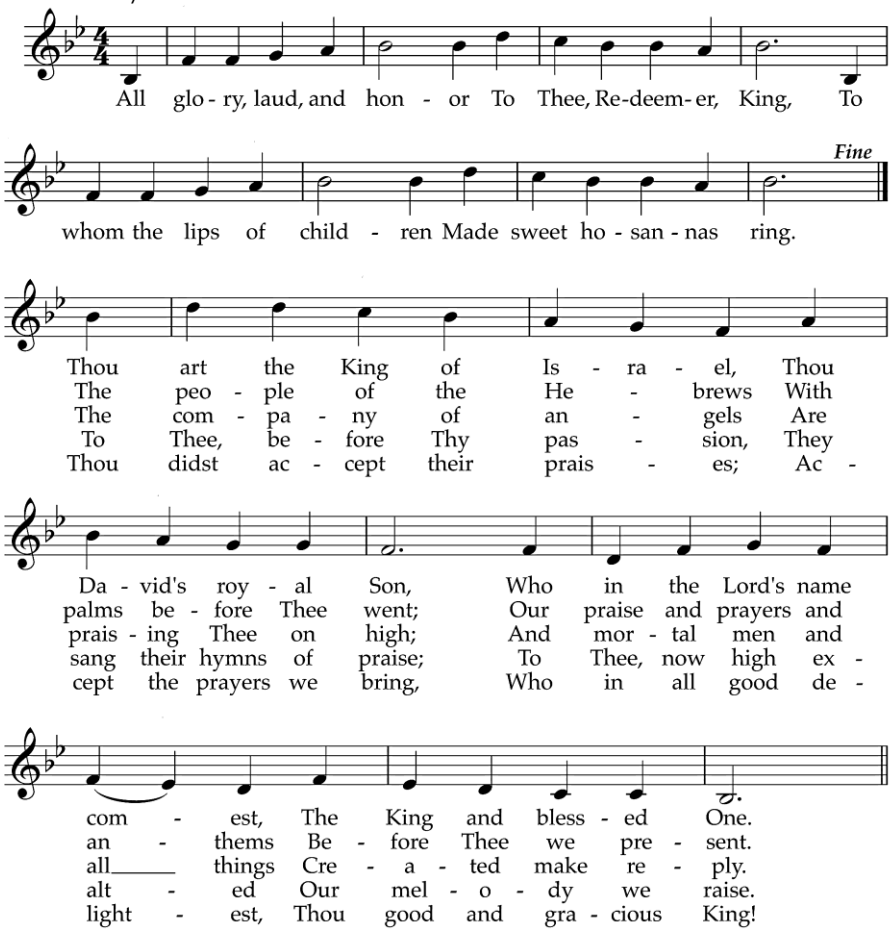
Please come up front to place a palm in the cross anytime during this.

*Call to Worship

One:	We gather at the edge of the city, where hope rides in on humility.
Many:	**We come with open hearts, ready to welcome a different kind of power.**
One:	Not power that conquers, but power that heals. Not power that dominates, but power that liberates.
Many:	**We wave our branches - symbols of joy, resistance, and longing.**
One:	The crowds once shouted, "Hosanna!" - Save us! And still we cry out to be saved: from injustice, from fear, from despair.
Many:	**Blessed is the One who comes not to rule over us, but to walk among us and to guide us.**
One:	This is the way of peace, disrupting the powers of oppression and violence.
Many:	**This is the way of courage, choosing love even when it costs.**
One:	So let us enter this holy week with eyes open and spirits ready.
All:	**Hosanna! We welcome the One who comes in love. We will follow the path of justice and peace.**

*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.



*Lenten Candles Questions Shape Us... *Who is this?*

We lit seven candles on Ash Wednesday 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 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 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 and love of God that never goes out.

*Prayer at the Candles

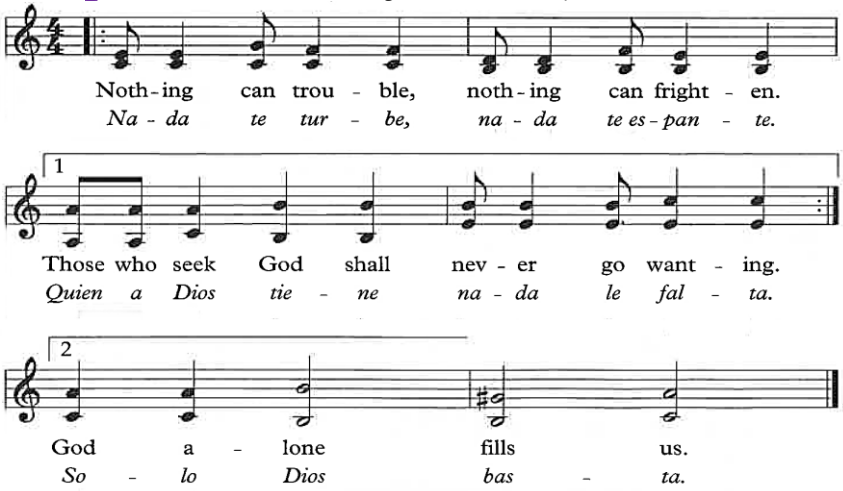
Holy One, as we make this Lenten journey alone and together, we bring the questions that shape us, including: What are my limits? How can we be born anew? Where do we find living water? Who is to blame? Can these bones carry us? What do we believe? Who is this Jesus washing our feet? Why are we forsaken? Whom are we looking for? Who will roll the stone away? You meet us not with easy answers but with invitation - to new awareness that adds momentum to love, to heightened senses and unsealed wells, to dry bones moistened, to burdens seen through compassion, to stones rolled away in hope. In this season of deconstruction and rebuilding, letting go and beginning again - lead us, guide us. Lift our eyes to the hills, steady our steps in the valley, and make us brave enough to ask, humble enough to listen, and bold enough to follow. Form us into people oriented to justice, thirsting for mercy, alive in resurrection. Amen.

*Response *Were You There When They Questioned?*

Were you there when they questioned Jesus Christ?
Were you there when he asked them questions too?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to wonder, ponder, discern.
Be with us as we question and respond.

Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 06 (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 2nd grade will then go to Room 12, children from 3rd to 5th grade will stay in Room 13, and youth from 6th to 12th grade will go to Room 15. For children in Room 06, 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

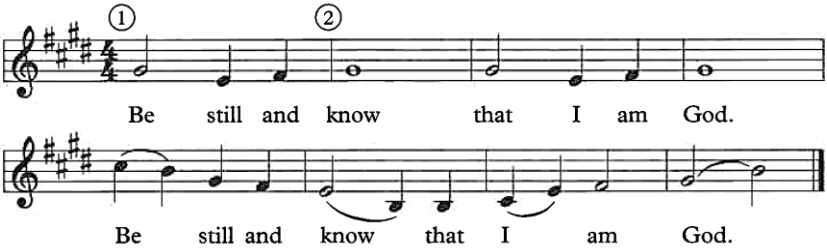


Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Inclusive Language Psalter)
Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures forever."
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
"This is the gate of God; they who are righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day God has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, God, hosanna! God, send us now success.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Sovereign One; we bless you from the house of God.
God is God; God has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Be Still and Know that I Am God* | #2057 Blue Songbook



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

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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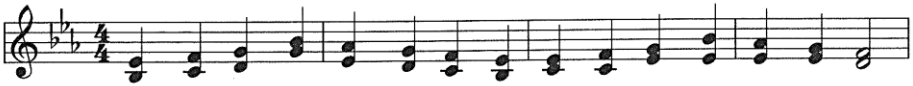
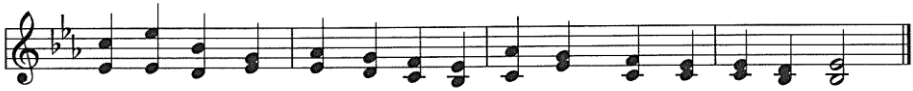
Offering Interlude Theme and Variations on *Hosanna Filio David*

*Response *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* | v2 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we lay these gifts before you - not as a transaction, but as a sign of our longing to participate in your unfolding work of justice and love. Moments ago - we joined the crowd, waving branches, shouting *Hosanna*, welcoming hope with joy and expectations.

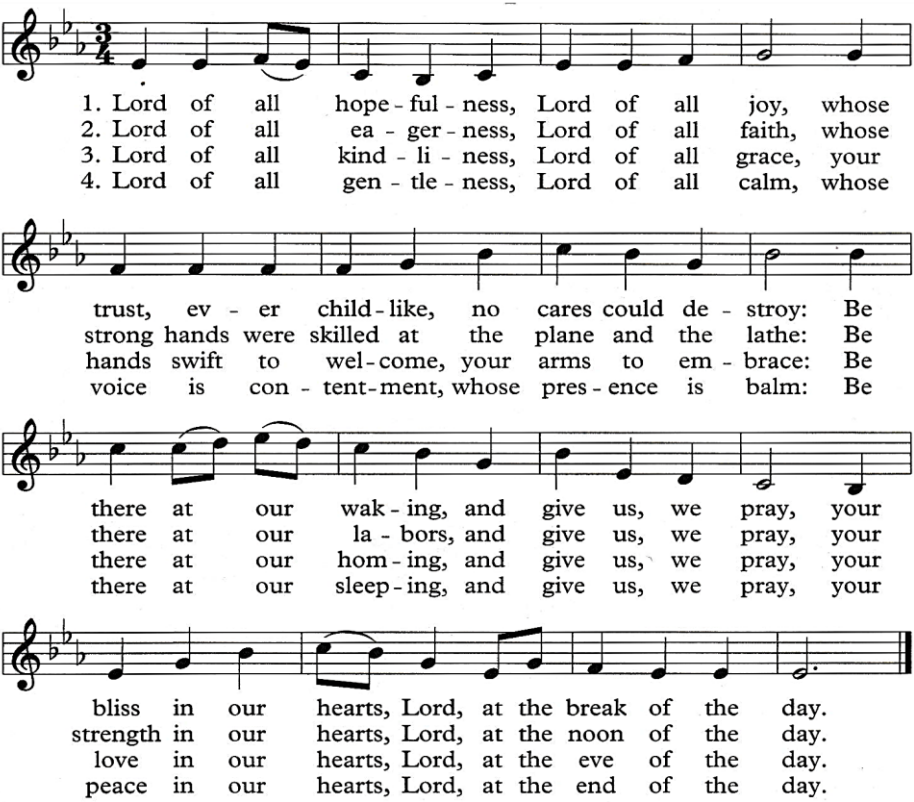
And yet, you keep moving. You do not stay in the parade. You turn toward the streets of tension and truth, toward tables that will be overturned, toward meals of remembrance, toward the long night of betrayal and grief. So, take what we have offered - our resources, our intentions, our very selves - into this week. Where courage is needed, let us not turn away. Where injustice must be named, give us voice. Where love will cost us something, give us strength. Unsettle our comfort. Deepen our compassion. Expand our courage. As we follow you beyond the cheers of Sunday into the complexity of what is to come, shape us into people who do not disappear when the road grows difficult. Receive these gifts, and receive us - not just in our celebration, but in our willingness to walk the whole way.

Hosanna... and lead us onward. Amen.

Scripture to Send Us into Holy Week Matthew 26:14-25 | CEB

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?”
They paid him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on he was looking for an opportunity to turn him in.
On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?”
He replied, “Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, ‘The teacher says, ‘My time is near. I’m going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”
The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover.
That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating he said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me.”
Deeply saddened, each one said to him, “I’m not the one, am I, Lord?”
Jesus replied, “The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born.”
Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, “It’s not me, is it, Rabbi?”
Jesus answered, “You said it.”

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



Benediction

God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *At the Name of Jesus*

TODAY a mini JHLTB for Palm Sunday

Trans Joy Street Fest **Streetside demonstration; lunch provided**

TODAY | 11:30am | Parkway UCC

Parkway UCC invites you to proclaim your support for Trans family members and friends along Ballas Rd/in front of the church. A light lunch of soup, bread, and cheese will be available. We will have kid friendly activities too. Bring your signs and palm branches, or use our signs! Wear pink/blue/white to show extra love!

Trans Day of Visibility/ TDOV is celebrated worldwide on March 31 each year. See social media listings for other area events.

Questions? Connect with Debbie Reinhardt - **dreinhardtstl@gmail.com**

Easter Greetings for PUCC Family and Friends

TODAY | 11am-Noon at the long table in the Gathering Space

Spend some time selecting and writing an Easter card to PUCCers who are ill, recuperating, home-centered or for another reason would love to feel your love, encouragement and support this Holy Week.

Questions? Contact Carol Cobb for the Card Team – **ccjcobb@aol.com**

Historic Cemetery Cleanup

TODAY | 11:15am-1:30pm | 1930 Windmoor Place, Town & Country, MO

Clean up the Historic Cemetery! It's an area that doesn't get a lot of attention but needs plenty of care. So, bring a weed walker, chain saw, leaf rake and some leaf bags that you can take home in your vehicle for a fun time of upkeeping a sacred part of our heritage.

Questions? Reach out to Joe Biondo - **jjbiondo19@gmail.com**

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 **@parkwayuccstl** 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**

Fun Items Needed for Easter Morning Egg Hunt!

During this year's Easter Morning Egg Hunt happening **April 5**, children will collect eggs filled with prize tickets, then visit a store to trade tickets for fun items! We're seeking new or like-new donations (valued at $5 or less) for babies through 5th grade - no food, please. Ideas include books, fidget toys, and other kid-friendly goodies. Please place donations in the "PUCC Egg Hunt" basket in the Gathering Space by **TODAY**. Questions? Contact Ingrid Scharf at **scharf.ingrid@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Eco Steward Planning and Info Meeting

Are you interested in gardening? Have you gardened for years or never gardened at all? We are looking for people to help with our Pollinator Garden. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn. We are looking for interested people to help us maintain and expand our Native Garden area. Planning/info meeting will be on **Monday, March 30 at 11:30am** in the Gathering Space. ??s - contact Julie Harms **julieharmscc@gmail.com**

Easter Ferns for Sale

There will be 15 fern hanging baskets for sale to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. Please sign up on One Church, pay on the site or put $20 in the collection plate with a notation of 'FERN'. The ferns may be taken home after worship on Easter morning. There will be not be a sign-up poster in The Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Carol Cobb **ccjcobb@aol.com**

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: April 2 at 6pm. We will move with the disciples ... share a simple soup supper around tables in the Gathering Space, go into the sanctuary for scripture about communion and foot washing, sing a bit and then finish our evening outdoors like Jesus and the disciples did. (We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to coordinate the supper.)
Good Friday Prayer Service: April 3 at noon in the Historic Sanctuary.
Good Friday Evening: April 3 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We will hear Jesus ask, "God, why have you forsaken me?"
Easter Prayer Vigil from the close of Good Friday worship for 36 hours. We are asking for people to be our PUCC prayer partner in one hour slots. Please sign up by clicking or scanning the QR code.
Easter Sunrise: April 5 at 6:30am in the cemetery behind the Historic Sanctuary. The angels and Jesus ask women questions.
Easter Worship: April 5 at 10am. The women ask, "Who will roll the stone away for us?" and we wonder what the disciples will do next.

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue on Zoom

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 TAD as we read and discuss *Theo of Golden*, a novel by Allen Levi. We'll discuss the book in thirds on **April 7, 21, and May 5**. We'd love to have you! The book has received a lot of attention and praise for its uplifting message. From the book jacket, "One spring morning, a stranger arrives in the small southern city of Golden. No one knows where he has come from…or why…A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another." Join us for a welcome dose of positivity as we read and discuss *Theo of Golden*. Fellowship starts at 1:45 pm, and book discussion is from 2-3 pm. For more info, please contact Jackie Eiffert at **jeiffert2@gmail.com**

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am

"The St. Louis Survivors Legal Support, a Lifeline to Victims of Domestic Violence," by Judge Michael Burton.

Sunday, April 12 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
The St. Louis Survivors Legal Support provides free legal representation and advocacy for victims of intimate partner violence and their children in the St. Louis metropolitan area, aiming to improve their access to justice and help them obtain and enforce Orders of Protection.
This critical support system was founded by retired St. Louis County Circuit Judge, Mike Burton. Judge Burton has been the chairman of the St. Louis County Domestic and Sexual Violence Council and established the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court. He has volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Missouri, the Truancy Court of St. Louis County, and the Ferguson and Florissant school districts. Judge Burton's commitment to public service has been remarkable and unwavering, fighting for the welfare of children and their parents.

"Savings Social Security; Hard Choices Ahead," by Jon Haverman, PhD, Economics.

Sunday, April 26 | 11:15am | Heritage Room
One projection estimates that, by 2035, the Trust Fund for Social Security could be exhausted. There have been various proposals to address this shortfall, including: reducing government expenditures, such as by raising the retirement age; tax increases; investment diversification; and borrowing.
Here to help sort these issues out is Dr. Jon Haveman, an expert in economics, who has extensively studied the economics of Social Security and what lies ahead for this program, so central to American society. Jon is the founder of a not-for-profit education resource called NEED that provides key insights on a variety of economic topics. He has been a Speakers Series presenter in the past and has a reputation for providing audiences with edible, objective economic information. Questions? Richard Scherrer at **90fivetpr@gmail.com**

Walk Off School Lunch Debt

Sunday, April 12 | 1-4pm | Vlasis Park Pavilion #2; 300 Park Dr. Ballwin, MO

High School Seniors from Marquette, Parkway West, and Parkway Central cannot attend graduation if they have unpaid lunch debt. This walk will raise $12,000 to eliminate school lunch debt for these students. You can participate by walking any number of miles, supporting a walker, or donating directly by scanning or clicking the QR code. All fitness levels and ages are welcome. The event is family friendly with food, fun, and community. For more info, contact **No.School.Lunch.Debt@gmail.com**

Tuesday Evening Dialogue

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 6-8pm | Heritage Room

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 4403 9731; Passcode: 792617

Please join us on **April 14** at TED for friendship and lively book discussions. We read a variety of books related to social justice, spirituality, different faiths, history, relationships, current events and nature. We also may choose some random books just for fun. Most books take three sessions to complete. Bring a dish to share for the potluck & join us for our next conversation! Newcomers are always welcome!

Please join us in person at 6pm or on Zoom starting at 6:45pm. Contact Helen Race at **raceh@att.net** for questions.

Evidence, Empathy, & Excellence in Dementia Care

Friday, April 17 | 8am-4:30pm | 3545 Vista Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Join Memory Care Home Solutions and Saint Louis University School of Medicine in the Learning Resource Center for a one-day educational event. This event is designed for healthcare professionals, caregivers, and anyone supporting loved ones with dementia. Participants will learn practical, evidence-based strategies for compassionate care, communication, and support from leading experts in the field. All are welcome—come learn how we can better care for our neighbors and families living with dementia. Learn more and register here: **https://memorycarehs.org/ceu/**

Go AWOL this Spring—Adventurous Women Out Late

Sunday, April 19 @12pm Lunch and Spring Stroll.

Bring your lunch to church and we'll eat together after worship and adult education (ECO Stewards are planning something to celebrate Earth Day), then carpool to the Missouri Botanical Garden to enjoy the spring flowers! Feel free to meet us there if that is better for you. We will pay our admission at the door since some people have memberships. Click or scan QR code to register so Carmen knows how many are attending.

Eco Stewards Earth-Day Plans

Please join us in the sanctuary, following service on **April 19** to see a beautiful slide slow and presentation by Doug Tallamy. He'll share his own journey, turning long damaged farmland into ebullient, biodiversity without spending much money. Doug Tallamy is an entomologist and conservationist focused on native plants and biodiversity. Douglas Tallamy, author and professor of

insects, conservation, and the environment, gives slide shows of his own research. He proposes expanding our national parks to our backyards. Yes, *you are Nature's Best Hope*. 71% of land in the lower 48 states is privately owned. We need nature to survive on our planet. It's a web of life. We must nurture it. For more info, contact Lynn Sableman **lynnsableman@att.net**

Intertwine Interfaith Service Project & Red Cross Blood Drive Different faiths. One community. One shared humanity.

Sunday, April 26 | 11am-3pm | Parkway UCC

Blood Drive 11am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall; rsvp with Red Cross.

Service Project 1-2:30pm downstairs in Room 13. Scan or click QR code so Paige Penico knows how many people to expect.

Join us for a meaningful day of service and connection here at PUCC on Sunday, April 26, from 11am-3pm.

As part of the Intertwine Interfaith Service Project, people of many faith traditions will gather to assemble support kits - including Clean Up Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Period Packs, and Kids Kits - for neighbors in need. These kits will be delivered to the Festival of Sharing, an interfaith organization that distributes them to more than 150 approved agencies across Missouri.
We will plan to have this happen at 1-2:30pm downstairs in room 13.

During the same time, we will also host a Red Cross Blood Drive. In a powerful reminder of our shared humanity, people of different faiths will come together to give something we all share—our time, our compassion, and even our blood—to help others. You don't need to bring anything except your kindness and willingness to serve as we put our faith into action together. Experience the joy of sharing.

To schedule an appointment to give blood, visit **RedCrossBlood.org** & enter the code INTERTWINE or call 1-800-RED-CROSS or call 1-800-733-2726. If you have questions, please contact Paige Penico at **andipaige@hotmail.com**

Prayer Corner an opportunity to pray with someone

Wednesday, April 29 | 6-8pm | 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.

Upcoming dates:
Monday, May 18 from 1-3pm;
Wednesday, June 17 from 9-11am

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

Respect MO Voters: Sign, Volunteer, Donate 60 Days to Get 100,000 Signatures!

Many have signed Respect MO Voter's petition for a ballot initiative to secure and strengthen the initiative petition process in Missouri which is currently under attack by our legislature. Our time is running out to get the required number of signatures and are in great need of volunteers and signatures immediately. This petition is nonpartisan. Will you give a few hours to help protect initiative petition rights for all Missouri voters? If we sit this one out, the right could be taken forever. If we act now, we can preserve it. Let's not look back and wish we would have done more. Please sign up at respectmovoters.org/join or contact Michelle Singer (**mrsinger71@gmail.com**) or Cindy Nouri (**cynthianouri@gmail.com**).

SAVE THE DATE Habitat for Humanity Workdays

On both of Parkway's UCC Habitat workdays, **July 11** and **August 1**, continue Parkway UCC's hands on support of 40 years of Habitat since our members were heavily involved in bringing it to St. Louis. More details to come. For more info, reach out to Tom McKenzie at **mckenzie1947@att.net**

Holy Week Word Scramble

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Prayer List Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Celebrations

Women's History Month.
Yara Levin & other collegians - working on their senior thesis, etc.

Concerns

Pam Walker - recuperating from this week's knee replacement surgery.
Amy Yakel - strengthening after her knee replacement this week.
Kathleen Tarr - healing after surgery on Tuesday in Ohio.
Don Wandless - home after receiving some new hardware in his hip.
Pat Owens - healing after surgery from a fall; back at Mason Pointe.
Marilyn McDougall - strengthening in rehab after appendectomy.
Judy Brueggemann - continuing health challenges (Brad's mother).
Ongoing chaos in the Middle East - including for the people of Iran. **The continuing war with Ukraine and Russia.**
Our St Louis neighbors finding their way after tornado in May.
US military and their families - including our own **Sera Watkins** deployed thru '26 and **Anthony Williams**, US marine on way to Iran.

Continuing

Alex Wiseman - living with autoimmune challenges; new doctor appts.
Christopher Haack - healing of fractures and ligament injury in foot.
Diane Doty - hospice care after cancer diagnosis (Grant's mom).
Carole Gwyn - ongoing health issues (David's mother).
Rita Holly and Michael Tappy - waiting for transplant matches.
Randy Cosby - healing as multiple myeloma has returned (Reinhardt).
Ed Calcaterra - optimistic as immune therapy commences (Litzinger).
Jeff Wentworth - nearing the end of his life; hospice care (Grove).
Derek - end stage alcoholism; grace for his father David (Akers).
Rebecca - continued healing after brain surgery (Bowermaster).
Phil and Amy and daughter B - as his terminal illness progresses.
Lori Connors - healing and strengthening.
Karla Beck - as her family seeks peace and her brother receives care.
Tina - complications of Legionaries' disease (Jones-Goldstein).
Mark McKenzie - for healing, clarity, refreshment (Tom's brother).
Emi - 5 year-old with Children's Hospital for chemo (McConnell).
Ron Mudica - receiving hospice care; stage 4 cancer (Akers).
Kenton & Teal Blacksten - K's many health challenges due to diabetes
John Ruiz's oldest brother and wife - healing in Cape Girardeau.
John & Nancy Tallyn - his heart condition; her recurring leukemia.
Renee Pellegrino & family - as she deals with multiple health issues.
Danny Venverlo - awaiting a kidney transplant (McDougall).
Haack's doctor and his wife Christine - her ongoing health crisis.
Rebecca Ray - that her book on suicide prevention will be published.
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]
John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon;* 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #166; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]
Pat Owens - *Mason Pointe* - 13190 South Outer Forty Rd, #2303; Town and Country, MO 63017; 314-323-7194 [birthdate: February 18]
Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-025 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]
Ellie Svenson - *Mason Pointe* - 13190 South Outer Forty Rd, #2213; Town and Country, MO 63017; 314-323-7194 [birthdate: June 19]
Judy Waddell - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-369-4885 [birthdate: August 13]

Other

Sera, Wyatt Watkins & family as she is deployed until end of 2026.
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.

Prayer Chaplain Ministry here at Parkway UCC.

Heifer International heifer.org
Heifer International does more than put food in the mouths of hungry people. Heifer helps people to feed themselves. The goal of every Heifer project is sustainability -- project partners achieving self-reliance. And year after year, as partner families "pass on the gift" of knowledge and one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, they become links in a network of hope, dignity and self-reliance that helps hundreds of others care for themselves.

Lydia's House lydiashouse.org
Lydia's House offers secure housing and immediate community for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. We have 50 confidentially located, fully furnished apartments where families can find refuge, safety and support. Our transitional housing is one of the largest in the country and the only program of its kind in eastern Missouri.
Each family at Lydia's House is provided an advocate to help guide them through the process of recovering from abuse. All family members are connected to support services, including individual and group resources, to help them build the skills that are necessary not only for surviving but thriving in the wake of trauma.

UP - *Unleashing Potential [*formerly Neighborhood Houses] upstl.org
Neighborhood Houses has loved children in St Louis and helped resilient families to be even more so since 1913.
Strengthening Resilient Families: partners with families to strengthen their core foundation with sustainable resources to build stability. Our program focuses on building bridges between schools and families and empowering families with resources, education, and support to advance social-emotional and financial well-being while enabling children to focus on learning.
After School Programs: UP provides before and after school care for kids from Atlas Elementary (charter school), all elementary schools in the University City School District, and at Immanuel UCC for the Ferguson/Florissant School District… fun & creative activities, homework assistance, character education, cultural awareness, health & fitness focus, arts & crafts, supervised recreation, and much more!
GeoQuest Program: expands access to education, hands-on learning, and skill training in geospatial technology for children in K-8 grades.

Bread for the World bread.org
We can end hunger in our time. Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Bread's mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.
Food banks are essential - and we must focus on advocacy. Why?
Because federal nutrition programs provide roughly 10 times as much food assistance as private churches and charities combined. With the stroke of a pen, our government leaders have the power to create policies and programs that impact millions of people at once.
Our faith in Jesus is the foundation for our mission and compels us to love our neighbors near and far. We are led by the values of our faith to stand up for those experiencing hunger all over.
"Open your mouth for those who cannot speak, and for the rights of those who are left without help."-~Proverbs 31:8a
If you have a gift for 2nd Mile please mark it 2nd Mile.
Thank you.

Pro Voice Support Group on Zoom

In our current political climate, conversations about abortion - particularly for those who have had abortions personally - can feel overwhelming. This support group offers a confidential affinity space for those who have experienced abortion to share their stories and perspectives *without conditions or expectations*. ALL perspectives, emotions, and stories are welcome. This group is facilitated by a PUCCer with experience.

What Does it Mean to be Pro-Voice? In our society, conversations around abortion are highly polarized and emotionally charged, and often focus on systemic impact rather than individual stories. For those who have personally experienced abortion, it can be difficult to find stigma-free spaces to express the full range of possible feelings that may come with that experience-- relief, grief, gratitude, guilt, empowerment, regret, etc. A pro-voice model centers the needs and stories of those who have had abortions without requiring them to adopt a prescribed set of emotions or beliefs about their experience.

Who can attend this group? This space is open to anyone who has had an abortion at any point in their life. In order to ensure group confidentiality and safety, we ask that those who have not personally experienced abortion (e.g. family, partners, loved ones) to abstain from participating in this group.

How can I attend? For more information (including meeting info and logistics), please reach out via this form by scanning or clicking QR code: