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*A Hybrid
Event at
Parkway
United Church
of Christ*

Gateway Open & Affirming Convocation

*Saturday
March
2, 2024
9am - 3pm*

ONA: NOW. MORE THAN EVER



Please bring a canned food item for Doorways.





Gateway Open & Affirming Coalition
Annual Convocation
March 2, 2024
Parkway United Church of Christ
ONA: NOW, MORE THAN EVER!
Opening Worship

Call to Worship

Come in, you children of the Fabulous ONE!

Become community again, re-member the body of Christ!

Reclaim your identity and your legacy. Say out loud who you are.

We are the fabulous ones, children of the Fabulous ONE, our Creator and parent!

We are queer,

and we are straight allies!

We worship proudly together in the light of God's love for us ALL!!

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

See below

Opening Prayer

Holy and Loving God, we claim our place as your children – created fabulously in your image! We thank you for this day and for this opportunity to gather in beloved community under the promise of your rainbow; you are our God and we are your people. We come celebrating how far we've come; how many closets have been smashed open; how many unjust laws struck down! We come with mourning and great sadness for young lives stolen away by murder or suicide; and for new unjust laws being brought before legislatures across the country and right here in Missouri. We come seeking forgiveness for the times we stood silent; for the times we sought respectability at the expense of queer siblings; and for failing to bind our liberation to the liberation of all of your children. Help us to move our community and your world toward your promised kin-dom of justice and love. In your fabulous name we pray, AMEN!

Assurance of God's LOVE

Passing the peace

Scripture Lessons

Galatians 6: 9-10 NRSV “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Matthew 7:12 NRSV “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer – Reframed by Miriam Therese Winter

Our Mother who is within us
we celebrate your many names.

Your wisdom come.

Your will be done,
unfolding from the depths within us.
Each day you give us all that we need.

You remind us of our limits
and we let go.

You support us in our power
and we act with courage.

For you are the dwelling place within us
the empowerment around us
and the celebration among us
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Fabulous ONE created all that is. Our God is a playful genius tuning the universe to sing B flat; She is a loving parent providing a global feast free for the picking; he is a lover seeking us out and eating with us; They are a sibling living with and for us; and Ze is a liberator calling us out of the closeted tombs of living death and unwrapping the bandages of societal judgement and expectations.

They have painted a rainbow of humanity in Their own image, so many colors and genders; languages and cultures; sexualities and intelligences. In that human rainbow God set the fabulous ones - the beautiful queer rainbow children and their loving allies!

The Fabulous ONE has a habit of gathering people around tables; building communities over shared meals; and using the table as metaphor for the coming kin-dom.

Our God has set the feast and extended the invitation; it is a given that there is no fence around this table and that all who wish to know community with each other and communion with the Fabulous ONE are welcome to share in the feast. As we come to this table we lay down our fears, our prejudices, our grudges, and our hatred. We come to the feast as empty vessels to be filled by the Holy Spirit with the wine of freedom and the bread of life. We come here to join as one with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe sings of your glory.

We remember the meal Jesus shared with friends and loved ones in a guest room, how he took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them saying, 'Take and eat, and let it make you part me and me a part of you.' After the supper he took the last cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and poured it

Closing Worship
2:45 PM

Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Announcements?

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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(SHE/HER/HERS)



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ONA: NOW. MORE THAN EVER

Draw the Circle Wide

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Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide._____ wide._____

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
great and small; let our lov - ing
dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. _____
know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. _____
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. _____

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We Shall Overcome

United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Convocation 2024 Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. On-site check-in and registration
Displays are in the Gathering Area
Refreshments are in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering in the Sanctuary
Welcome!
- Greetings and Orientation to Parkway UCC
Rev. Kevin Cameron, Carol Cobb, Greg Schmelig
- Greetings from:
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC – Rev. Damien Lake
- Opening Worship with Holy Communion
- Keynote Address: Rev. Dr. Katrina Roseboro-Marsh
“Open and Affirming: Now More than Ever”
- Introduction to workshop leaders and locations
- 10:30 a.m. Workshops: Session 1
- 11:30 a.m. Transition Time
- 11:40 a.m. Workshops: Session 2
- 12:40 p.m. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Workshops: Session 3
- 2:30 p.m. Transition Time
- 2:40 p.m. Gathering Together in the Sanctuary
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Thought, Hymn, Benediction
- 3:00 p.m. End of the 2024 Convocation – Blessings to All