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We despise anyone who elects to be poor in order to simplify and save his inner life. If he does not join the general scramble, we deem him spiritless and lacking in ambition.

-William James



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August 7, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Enough” Sunday Communion Worship Service
 in the series *Economy of Love***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Adagio

-Mendelssohn

Welcome and Call to Worship

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

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* Hymn #18

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have wandered from our moral center. We have allowed the selfishness to grow and avoided God’s call to compassion. Help us find our way back to your Way, Lord. Put a new and righteous spirit into us today and help us lead lives worthy of your call to us.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

* **Sung Response — Gloria #759 adapted**
Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

* **Sharing God's Welcome** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.)

Children's Conversation

(Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

Manna - God's Shares Bread from Heaven

Exodus 16:4 & 16-19 The LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction.

This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'

The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.

Gleaning - Sharing with the Poor and Immigrants

Leviticus 19:9-10 When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up

all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the LORD your God.

John the Baptist on Sharing

Luke 3:11 "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."

Sharing in the Early Church

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer

Pastor: Draw near to God, who understands your need.

People: We are offered the bread of life - manna in the wilderness.

Pastor: Open yourself to God's steadfast love. Be honest before the Holy One who knows you completely.

People: Our secret sins are known to God.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit is here to restore your joy. God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

People: Those who come to the body of Christ will not be hungry or thirsty.

Pastor: We hear God calling us to a life of humility and generosity. May we be united in the bond of peace. Draw us together in spite of our differences. Lead us beyond our fears into new depths of trust and new pathways of service.

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ, the bread of life, sends us out to share. In God's kingdom no one is hungry or thirsty. In our unity and shared compassion we will grow our ministry to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. We are being healed even as we minister. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *How Bright Shineth the Day-Star!* -Dupre
(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon to help fill local pantries.)

* Doxology (#780 adapted; tune Old Hundredth)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

* Blessing the Offering

We bless this offering not just for the good it can accomplish and ministry it will support, but also because it helps us gain a perspective on what really matters. Build us up in love for all people everywhere. May we love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer, after each expression, the Pastor will say:

LORD, in your mercy.

And the people may respond:

Hear our prayer.

Praying in Silence

Our Lord's Prayer ("Our Father" is the traditional way this prayer begins. You are invited to use whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These names for God create a beautiful chorus.)

Our Father, 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.

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via InFellowship from the church website.

Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.

This week's readings:

Sunday, August 7 - Worship

Monday, August 8 - Read Genesis 22:1-19 - The Command to Kill Isaac

Tuesday, August 9 - Read Matthew 7 - Jesus on Judging and Self-Deception

Wednesday, August 10 - Read Genesis 22:20-23:20 - The Children of Nahor and Sarah's Death

Thursday, August 11 - Read Matthew 8 - Stories of Jesus Healing

Friday, August 12 - No Readings

Saturday, August 13 - Read Genesis 24 - The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah



The Sunday Crier

August 7, 2016

Sermon Series: Creating a Community of Enough

Our economy has a simple message – that what we have is currently not enough. Not big enough, not nice enough, not fast or hip enough. The message proclaimed by Jesus says something else. In our August series, we'll compare the patterns of God's kingdom and the patterns of our world. What is the value of enough, and how do we become more like the God who is close to the poor, the hungry, the meek and the merciful? Today – Enough; Aug. 14 – Filled; Aug. 21 – Practice; Aug. 28 – Tension

Help with These Outreach Collections This Month

In August, we are collecting for Wyandotte County Head Start and for the Village Food Pantry. Please help by bringing:

- a large tube of **toothpaste** to send to the teachers at the Wyandotte County Head Start to put on the toothbrushes that the Board of Outreach has purchased for brushing after lunch.
- a package of **toilet paper** to add to the little red wagon that takes food items to the Village Food Pantry each week. Toilet paper cannot be purchased with food stamps and the food pantry can send each family of five or more with only a single roll of paper to last all week. Let's make it possible for them to add a few more rolls. The red wagon is an important part of our weekly giving, a part that is needed more and more in Johnson County.

Centering Prayer for Summer's End

On her last Sunday with us, Caitie Smith reminded us to put away our to-do lists, because "only one thing is necessary." How do you make time for that one thing? If you're still searching, I invite you to try Centering Prayer. Join us on Sundays, August 14, 21 and 28 and on September 4 in the Preschool room downstairs between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. We'll spend a little time checking in and talking about Centering Prayer, and then we'll pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at elizabethuppmann@kc.surewest.net.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by MARY PELTON AND EDWARD BRABHAM in celebration of their anniversary.

HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Mission Festival

Colonial Church is hosting a Global Mission Festival on Saturday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Peter Makari, area executive for Middle East/Europe, will provide the keynote address. The festival will also include presentations by missionaries from the Middle East. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes lunch. To register call Bruce Edwards (678-662-0956) or online at <http://tinyurl.com/Hands-Around-the-World>. The festival, which is being live-streamed around the region, is sponsored by the UCC Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, Missouri Mid-South Conference, Illinois South Conference and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Greater Kansas City Region and Mid-America Region.

New Directory Being Prepared

The 2016-17 Colonial Church directory is being prepared from the information in InFellowship, our database. If you have not done so, please register and update your information at <http://tinyurl.com/database-colonial>. Under privacy settings, you will need to give permission to be included in the directory.

2nd Sunday ACE Classes Christianity 101

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. between our worship services we are going to explore the basics of Christian faith. Pastor Aaron will lead the classes, which are about 1/2 hour long in the Cambridge Room. The topics and dates are: Made in the Image of God? – August 14; Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? – September 18 (note special date); Revelation or Delusion? – October 9; Following Jesus' Way – November 13. Sign up for these classes on the signup board in the narthex or at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/GroupSearch/ShowGroup/2084138>.

Sermon Series Survey

Help Pastor Aaron develop sermon series for worship services at Colonial Church this coming year. Take this short survey – <http://tinyurl.com/sermon-planning>

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren. All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Eighty-five-year-old Addie tells the story of her life to her 22-year-old granddaughter, who has asked her "How did you get to be the woman you are today?"

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will offer a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY, August 7**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

TUESDAY, August 9

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops.

WEDNESDAY, August 10

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

THURSDAY, August 11

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

SUNDAY, August 14

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

TUESDAY, August 16

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, August 17

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

THURSDAY, August 18

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

FRIDAY, August 19

8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren home.

SATURDAY, August 20

9:30 a.m.—Grand Mission Festival, Social Hall.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Colonial Church in Prairie Village! We are glad you have worshiped with us today. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call our church office at 913-362-7735. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is aaron@colonialucc.org.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 8:20 to 11:30 a.m. Ask any of the ushers for directions to the nursery.

Hearing Devices—Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. The worship service this morning can also be heard in the library.

Giving Cards—Giving Cards are available in the pew racks for anyone who contributes financially through EFT or periodically. To participate in the offering, take a card and place it into the offering plate as they are passed.

Children's Sunday School—Children preschool through 6th grade may leave after the Children's Conversation at the 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

Youth Group—The Colonial Church Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) at 10:15 a.m. The room is open for youth to come, relax, and enjoy one another's company prior to the Sunday service. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, September-May.

Listen to our Weekly Messages—You can listen to the sermon and get the bulletin and study guide on our website.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

Social Media— Stay up to date with what's happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter:

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