



(The One Who Holds Authority Over Everything with permission by Maltz Evans)

Moral authority comes from following universal and timeless principles like honesty, integrity, treating people with respect. -Stephen Covey



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June 11, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
What Happens Next? Sunday Worship Service

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Christus, der is mein Leben

-Pachelbel

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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* **Opening Hymn #12** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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**Holy God, We were created in your image,
 an image of mutuality and respect for one another;
 an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others;
 an image of community with shared blessing and mission.
 You have given us dominion over the work of your hands.
 You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply,
 to make disciples of all nations.**

Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose.

We have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Forgive us God; we have defiled your image. We have regarded some of your children as "other" and therefore beyond the reach of your love and care because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof, is different from our own.

Forgive us God; for we have sinned.

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

-Rev. Bruce Edwards

The Disciples See the Resurrected Jesus

Matthew 28:16-17 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

The Authority is in Jesus

Matthew 28:18-20a Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

Jesus Will Be With You

Matthew 28:20b "Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this age."

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #50

I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Jesus Is Gonna Be Here* -Blind Boys of Alabama
 (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

**Receive these gifts,
 even our very lives for your service.
 Multiply them and our effort to meet the need.
 We are yours God, use us we pray, 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.

We Depart to Serve

* Hymn #277

Holy, Holy, Holy

* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our covenant.)

We covenant with the Lord and with one another and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in Christian Love. We seek to worship God in spirit and in truth and to love our neighbors as ourselves. With God's help we will honor Colonial Church in our conduct, support its program, and extend the influence of Christ throughout the world.

* **Congregational Song of Blessing #809 *God Be With You***

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

* **Benediction and Postlude** Mitten wir im Leben sind

-Scheidt

Liturgist:	Cheri Van Orman
Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Sally Huggins
Fellowship,	
Beverage/Snack Host:	Chester Bender
Head Usher:	Stacy Huggins
Ushers:	Stacy Huggins, Mary Pelton, Leonore & Ed Rowe

United Church of Christ Mission Moment
Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

This is Good

How good is the world? In the opening of Genesis the first thing to appear by God's command was light, a light shining through fog and chaos. It says that God saw it was good. Any artist, a painter, for example, might step back to see her work in progress and see that it is good. Imagine God is the artist seeing what is good in that harmony between creative action and result, paint and brush, and canvas. Clearly, in the beginning, according to the storytellers in Genesis, God was creating and stepping back, pleased with what was happening. Think of that opening chapter of Genesis as full of many "aha" moments and the creative pleasure of God.

Some mystics tell us is that what we experience when we feel the beauty of the natural world is a glimpse of the divine, "aha." Somewhere in that moment of making art there is a piece of the creator, of the artist, left behind in the work reaching out to us.

If this world we see is good and the touch of the divine is in it, then our responsibility, as people of faith, to every mountain and fresh water stream and bird in the air becomes more than that of a caretaker. We are witnesses to that divine force in all of it. How can we keep quiet when we see the goodness of this precious earth polluted by plastic islands in the ocean and coal dust running through our streams? Creation is a gift from the ONE who saw it as good from the very beginning. The United Church of Christ knows this and champions God's good world in its environmental justice ministries. All of us in local churches are urged to gather in small groups and educate ourselves about climate change. One way to do this is to watch the film, "This Changes Everything," by Naomi Klein. There are faith based resources and questions to help guide any discussion. You can find out how to see the film and download resources at www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries.



The Sunday Crier

June 11, 2017

Colonial Friends to Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center. Colonial Friends will visit the new heritage center on Wednesday, June 21. Leave the Colonial parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to the former King Louie building at 8788 Metcalf Avenue for a 10:00 a.m. tour. The center houses the Johnson County Museum as well as many types of arts classes and cultural learning opportunities. Admission is \$4 for non-museum members as well as an additional \$5 tour fee for everyone. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at First Watch, 83rd and Mission Road. RSVP to Catherine Bowser at 913-381-0430 or Bowcat2@aol.com by June 18.

Colonial Tweens Pet Adoption. The Colonial Tweens are sponsoring a Pawsitive Tails Dog Adoption Day/Meet & Greet on Sunday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Colonial. The Tweens have been collecting pet supplies and funds for Pawsitive Tails canine rescue as their 2nd annual spring Community Service Project. Pawsitive Tails is a not for profit organization focused on finding forever homes for dogs and puppies in the Kansas City and Topeka areas.

Cross-Lines Food Pantry Is Out of Food! There has been a 60% increase in people served by the Cross-Lines Food Pantry since January, and they have used up all the money for 2017 to buy food. You can help by going to the pantry's GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/fillthefoodpantryshelvesNOW>). The Board of Outreach has also decided to send food to Cross-Lines once a month from the Little Red Wagon in the narthex.

Fellowship Beverage/Snack Hosts. We are seeking people to host the fellowship time after 10:15 service in the Heritage Room on Sundays. They provide a beverage and snack, set up the room, visit with guests, and clean up. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-worship2017>. Scroll down to find available dates. Please contact Barrie Herbst (913-859-9320; bherbst@pbnmed.com) for training prior to your Sunday volunteer time.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the HUGGINS AND LAFFERTY FAMILIES in loving memory of Ray and Mary Grace Morgan.

Sign Up for VBS! July 11-14. God Built You for a Purpose! Calling all kids 4 years old through 6th grade. Join us for four days of fun, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs17> to register children.

Writers Group. Please join us for Colonial Writers Group on Wednesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Suggestions for Writing: tell us about a time when you took an unexpected road or made a life-changing choice; tell what living in a neighborhood has been like for you; write a little about your most memorable birthday, and, as always, write about whatever you like.

Living the Questions 2.0 Sunday Morning ACE. Begins Sunday, July 9. People know that, at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a “thinking” Christian and that “salvaging” Christianity is a hopeless task. Living the Questions is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they’ve always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. We will begin the Living the Questions sessions in our Sunday morning Adult Christian Education on July 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room (It’s usually the 2nd Sunday of the month). Signup at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Group/Show/2084138>

Shoes That Grow — We would like to again purchase the Shoes That Grow for our Vacation Bible School mission project. Last year the kids raised funds for 100 pairs of shoes. We would like to send this to Malawi with Stacey Algren when she goes in July. Since she leaves the week before VBS, we need to sell car wash coupons before the car wash. This is an interesting economics lesson for the kids. If you would like to donate in the collection plate, just mark your checks for "VBS shoes."

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren’s home. The group will discuss *America’s First Daughter* by Stephanie Day and Laura Kamoie.

Help with Worship Music During the Summer. This summer we want your help with planning our special music during worship. So, we’d like you to tell us what hymn, instrumental, or spiritually significant song that you’d like to have as part of our Sunday morning worship. You are welcome to offer to perform the music, have Joseph play it, or suggest the recorded version that we use. Please enter your suggestion at: <http://tinyurl.com/summer-worship>

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City

area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase today in the narthex following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity will be July 9.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, June 11

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room
 11:30—Dog Adoption/Meet & Greet, Lawn

MONDAY, June 12

6:00 pm—Council/Administrative Board, Linda Moses’ home

TUESDAY, June 13

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village

WEDNESDAY, June 14

9:30 am—Writers Group, Heritage Room
 9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

THURSDAY, June 15

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, June 16

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall
 7:00 pm—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren’s home

SUNDAY, June 18

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

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.

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

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: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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