



**Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of your praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. Psalm 66:8-9**



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June 25, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
Let Me Tell You Something You Already Know 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**

*Converse*

-Hobby

**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 #522**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Prayer of Confession

**God of all truth, who can stand before you? We judge by outward appearances, but you examine our hearts. We see what is on the surface, but you discern beauty deep within. We measure importance by paychecks, but you find value among those we deem lowly and insignificant. You offer us the deep and profound joy of living in your realm. We forget your promises and turn to pursuits that separate us from you and destroy community. We seek forgiveness and a new direction for our lives. 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 Bruce Edwards

### **The Mystery of Reconciliation**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

## **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn 433

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

-Carl Borberg

(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

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts as an act of extravagant faith. Bless this offering, that it might be a witness to your realm of forgiveness, justice, and healing. May this act of sharing shape us to show great generosity throughout the coming week. In your many names 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 #403**                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
  
- \* **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**                      *Unclouded Day*    -Kern

Guest Minister: Pastor Bruce Edwards

Liturgist:	Frank Robertson
Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Bob Starcke
Hospitality Table:	Mary Pelton
Fellowship Time Hostess:	Mary Pelton
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Randy & Sue Freeman, Loren Griffith, Linda Moses

**United Church of Christ Mission Moment**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2017**  
**Daring Discipleship - Matthew 10:24-39**

Lose your life? Find your life? Do not be afraid? What is there to fear? Jesus did lay out very clearly the hard work, the commitment, and the fearlessness required of his disciples. If nothing else, you couldn't follow Jesus and not end up a little braver. It would, at least, require some daring and fearlessness. Discipleship still does. In a few days, the 31<sup>st</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ will convene in Baltimore, Maryland. They will gather under the bannered theme of "Make Glad." "Make Glad" is what a river in Psalm 46:4 does; it "makes glad the city of God." For the thousands of people descending on Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the theme will make immediate sense when they see the Patapsco River flowing through Baltimore harbor into Chesapeake Bay. "Make Glad" will also make metaphorical sense when we consider our baptism by water into a life of discipleship. And, ultimately, discipleship is what all our General Synods are about. They're about what it means to follow Jesus as a big organization trying to stay true to the Gospel. A Gospel that calls us to follow Jesus no matter where that may lead us.

The very first lines of Psalm 46 begin: "God is our refuge and strength/a very present help in trouble/Therefore we will not fear . . ." "Make Glad," then, is not a simple call to be happy for happiness' sake but to know that in the midst of everything that might make us afraid, God is present breathing bravery. After all, bravery begins in fear. Only when you are afraid can you be brave. We are called to follow God into service – wherever that may lead. If our discipleship leads us into difficult and fearful places we can remember that the river that bears the water of our baptism "makes glad" the city of God. As we prepare to gather in Baltimore let us also remember that on this day, 60 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, at its first General Synod, the United Church of Christ was born.



## *The Sunday Crier*

June 25, 2017

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**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>

**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.

**Still Time to 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.

**Men’s Breakfast Group.** The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5 (note the change in date due to the July 4 holiday) at 8:00 a.m. at the Perkins on 87th between I35 and 69 Alt with George Tormohlen leading the discussion.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by LINDA MOSES in loving memory of Harold and Dolcie Offer.

**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>

**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](mailto:bherbst@pbnmed.com)) for training prior to your Sunday volunteer time.

**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**

- **Coffee.** Monday, July 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Each chapter in the novel follows a different descendant of an Asante woman named Maame, starting with her two daughters, separated by circumstance. Homegoing is a tremendous reading experience by a gifted young writer. Generation after generation, the author's first novel sets the fate of the individual against the obliterating movements of time, delivering unforgettable characters whose lives were shaped by historical forces beyond their control. The story begins with Maame's daughters, Effia, who marries the British governor in charge of Cape Coast Castle, and her half-sister Esi, who is held captive in the dungeons below.

**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 in the narthex following the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be July 9.

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### **The Week Ahead**

#### **TODAY, June 25**

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

2:00 pm—Artists Helping Homeless Cooking, Social Hall

#### **TUESDAY, June 27**

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, June 28**

9:30 am - Visit with Bruce Edwards, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

#### **THURSDAY, June 29**

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

#### **SUNDAY, July 2**

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

#### **TUESDAY, July 4**

Office Closed—Independence Day Holiday

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 5**

8:00 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

## 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](mailto: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](http://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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