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You have been chosen, and you must therefore use such strength and heart and wits as you have.

-J. R. R. Tolkien



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May 21, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
I'm On My Own Sunday Worship Service
In the series "Crazy Kinfolk"

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music *Crimond* -Harbach

Bell Choir Prelude *Thine is the Glory* -Handel arr. by Raney

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 #42** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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Let us cast all our anxiety on you, O Bearer of Burdens, as we seek to follow in your footsteps. Even when we are reviled, even when we feel abandoned, even when we suffer physically and mentally and emotionally, we ask that you will help us to remember that we are, no matter what, your children. Even when we pretend to hide from you, ashamed of our wandering, ashamed of our weakness, we know you will find us and forgive us when we ask. We want to resist evil, and to remain steadfast in our faith, because we know there are many who share in our suffering. Direct us toward them, O Healing God, that we might not shy away but instead deeply engage those who are in need of your love.

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 in Music

Indescribable

-arranged by Andy Albritton

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

Samson Wants a Wife

Judges 14:1-3 Samson traveled down to Timnah. While he was in Timnah, a Philistine woman caught his eye. He went back home and told his father and mother, "A Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye; now get her for me as a wife!"

But his father and mother replied to him, "Is there no woman among your own relatives or among all our people that you have to go get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?"

Yet Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, because she's the one I want!"

Delilah Makes a Deal

Judges 16:5 The rulers of the Philistines confronted [Delilah] and said to her, "Seduce him and find out what gives him such great strength and what we can do to overpower him, so that we can tie him up and make him weak. Then we'll each pay you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

Delilah Asks Samson Directly

Judges 16:6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what gives you such great strength and how you can be tied up and made weak."

Samson is Outwitted

Judges 16:15-19 Delilah said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't trust me? Three times now you've made a fool out of me and not told me what gives you such great strength!" She nagged him with her words day after day and begged him until he became worn out to the point of death.

So he told her his whole secret. He said to her, "No razor has ever touched my head, because I've been a nazirite for God from the time I was born. If my head is shaved, my strength will leave me, and I'll become weak. I'll be like every other person."

When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come one more time, for he has told me his

whole secret." The rulers of the Philistines came up to her and brought the silver with them. She got him to fall asleep with his head on her lap. Then she called a man and had him shave off the seven braids of Samson's hair. He began to weaken, and his strength left him.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

A Word in Us – Confirmation of Baptism

(The sacrament of baptism begins a Christian journey with Christ's church. When people are baptized as infants or small children they may later decide to make the vows of baptism their own. They "confirm" their baptism into Christian discipleship. Today three young women have decided to accept their baptism.)

Sacrament of Baptism for Jenna Swan

The Rite of Confirmation of Baptism for Isabella Hayden and Cynthia Smith

Hymn #351 ***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

New Member Reception

Community Words of Welcome

We welcome you to the common life of this church family. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and work of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and together be witnesses of our risen Savior.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Mission Moment for Strengthen the Church Offering

(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

May these gifts, God, become action and intention, fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. 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

Recognizing our Graduates and Choir

* **Hymn #561**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

* **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**

Azmon

-Kern

Liturgist:

Carrie Roberts

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Martha Wofford

Hospitality Table:

Mary Pelton

Head Usher:

Howard Lee

Ushers:

Loren Griffith, Howard Lee, Marion Taylor,
Bob Starcke



Strengthen the Church: Multiple Choice

What is church?

- a) Worship on Sunday mornings
- b) Protests and rallies in support of the least of these
- c) Helping to feed the hungry and support the addicted
- d) All of the above!

Where is church?

- a) In the sanctuary and church building
- b) In breweries and coffee shops
- c) Around a dinner table
- d) All of the above!

Why church?

- a) To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves
- b) To be united in Spirit and inspired by God's grace to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all
- c) To vision a just world for all, united in Christ's love
- d) All of the above!

Where does Strengthen the Church money go?

- a) To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise
- b) To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants
- c) To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering
- d) All of the above . . . and so much more!

If you answered "d) all of the above!," then you're not only correct, but you're thinking outside of the buildings and boxes that have defined the message of Christianity for the last several decades. You're thinking on the forefront of the United Church of Christ and the way in which we are Strengthening the Church not only for the church we have grown up knowing, but for the church God is calling us to be!

Will you join us through our Special Mission Offering to Strengthen the Church? How?

- a.) Time - I will pray alongside the offering
- b.) Talent - I will tell the stories of my own church's engaging a Just World For All
- c.) Treasure - I will donate towards Strengthen the Church (contact justworld@ucc.org)
- d.) All of the above! ;)



The Sunday Crier

May 21, 2017

Colonial Tweens Fundraiser. The Colonial Tweens are 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. All rescues live as family members in loving, volunteer foster homes until they are adopted. Please consider donating the following new, or gently used items: *water and food bowls, crates, collars, leashes, pet beds, Kong brand toys, or IAMS PROACTIVE HEALTH Smart Puppy Dry Puppy Food.* **Stop by the CTS room for refreshments and drop off your contributions today and next Sunday.** We will also accept cash, or check donations. All checks must be made payable to Pawsitive Tails.

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>

Ramadan Post-Fast Dinner — Colonial Church is hosting a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Muslim neighbors with the Dialogue Institute on Tuesday, May 30 in the Social Hall. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m.; presentation about Ramadan 8:15 p.m, dinner 8:50 p.m. This late start is required so that the Ramadan fast not be broken until after sunset. It is a great opportunity to learn more of the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions. Reserve your place at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-ramadan>.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by LIZA ALBIDRESS in loving memory of Sylvia Schmidt and Regina Bradley.

Annual Congregational Meeting on June 4. Plan to attend the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 4, following the 10:15 a.m. service. A slate of candidates for board chairs and the council will be presented for approval as will a proposal to refurbish the choir room. Copies of the annual report will be distributed.

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." Thank you for your generous support.

Attention Colonial Members!! The Board of Property Management is looking for an individual to work part time, 30 hours a week, to do event set up and take down and custodial duties. Sundays and Thursdays off, excellent position for a retiree looking for extra income or anyone who wants good part time work in a great environment. Background check required. If you or anyone you know might be interested, contact Bill Sanderson for more details.

Diaper Drive a Huge Success — We collected 750 diapers and \$600 cash in the Mother's Day Diaper Drive. Thank you all for helping out! Did you forget to bring diapers or money in all the Mother's Day excitement? Just write a check with "Diaper Drive" in the memo line, or put some money in an envelope and mark "Diaper Drive" on it, and put them in the offering plate. Do it for your Mom!

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee.** Monday, June 5, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. The group will discuss America's First Daughter by Stephanie Day and Laura Kamoie.

May Sermon Series – Crazy Kinfolk. What's it like with your family? Do you have some crazy stories? This is nothing new. It's tempting to imagine that there was a time when things were simpler than for modern families. In May, we're going to explore some, well...interesting families from the Bible. You may discover some ancient lessons and wisdom for living in the 21st century. I'm On My Own – today; If Only You Had Been There – May 28

More2 Annual Banquet. Each year, MORE2, an interfaith social justice organization, holds a celebration banquet to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future. It serves as a fundraising event, where member faith communities, businesses, and supporters can come together to speak about the issues and be inspired for the work yet to be done. This year the event is Thursday, June 8, at the Marriott Muehlbach Imperial Ballroom, 1201 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. Social hour at 5:30

p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Speakers are Rev. DaNiece Welch, senior pastor at Bidwell Street Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and Rev. Dr. John Welch of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Register at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Forms/359232>. Cost is \$65 per person.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, May 21

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—Bell Choir, Sanctuary

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

9:30—Confirmand Brunch, Social Hall

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Tweens Squad Donation Drop Off, Northampton Room.

11:15—Choir Appreciation Reception, Heritage Room

11:30—Council & Administrative Board, Social Hall

MONDAY, May 22

10:00 am —Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, May 23

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, May 24

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

THURSDAY, May 25

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, May 28

8:30 am—Worship

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

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Tweens Open House in their room.

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

2:00 pm—Artists Helping Homeless Food Preparation, Social Hall Kitchen

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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