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Great abundance of riches cannot be gathered and kept by any man without sin.

-Desiderius Erasmus



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November 27, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “The Violence of Hoarding” Sunday Worship Service
 in the series *A Season of Peace***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

-J.S. Bach

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 #423** *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

* **Advent Lighting the Candle of Hope**

Leader: God of justice and of peace —

You color the world with mercy and kindness.

People: We stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous artistry.

Leader: God of promise and of love —

You illuminate the skies with rainbow and sun-ray.

People: We rejoice in the majesty of your creation.

Leader: The spectrum of your love reveals light all around.

The hues of your love warm our spirits.

The vibrancy of your love saturates us with hope.

People: Blessed is the God of love whose art expressed in Christ we anticipate.

Leader: We light this candle in abundant hope that the radiance of you, O God, will shine in our hearts, coloring us with hope, as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ,

People: We who wait on the Lord are filled with hope.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

*** Advent Song of Praise**

Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new hope into our lives.

Wind your blessed peace around us till the day when Christ arrives.

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

Children's Conversation - Exodus 16

(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

Star of Advent

-Pepper Choplin

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

What Was Jesus Trying to Demonstrate?

Luke 9:12-17 When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to [Jesus] and said, "Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place."

He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said, "We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish - unless we go and buy food for all these people." (They said this because about five thousand men were present.)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Seat them in groups of about fifty." They did so, and everyone was seated. He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.

A Sampling of Sharing Passages...

Hebrew 13:16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Isaiah 58:7 Share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house, cover the naked when you see them.

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

Proverbs 19:17 Those who are gracious to the poor lend to the LORD, and the Lord will fully repay them.

James 2:15-16 Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs?"

Questions to Think About:

1. What are ways in which people can move from a captive mindset of scarcity to one of abundance?
2. Where are some specific places where the just distribution of basic human needs is being practiced? What are some creative ways you as an individual, your family, or your church can be a part of the solution?
(*Consider the Cross-lines Christmas store signup or donation today.*)
3. In the story of the manna, the Israelites were commanded to store an extra day's provisions on the sixth day and not collect any on the seventh. What does this say to you, when you consider our economics?
4. The disciples were commanded by Jesus to take what was left over after feeding the crowd. Why would you imagine he did this? What was he trying to say about our economic systems?

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #106

My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Awake, the voice is calling us

-Dupre

(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon to help fill local pantries.)

* Doxology *What Child Is This* (#148 verses 3 and 1)

***So bring him incense gold and myrrh; Come humbly to revere him;
The King of kings salvation brings; Let faithful hearts draw near him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds seek and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him praise, the babe, the son of Mary!***

* Blessing the Offering

Creator of abundance, your love extends to all the world. Give us the faith to realize that you provide enough for all. Help us to use our minds, hearts, and souls to love you enough to follow your Way, even if it means challenging the powers that wish to keep us captive and afraid. May what we've offered help build your kingdom of peace. 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 #153** *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

- * **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** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* -Kern

Liturgist:	Bruce Edwards
Advent Candlelighters:	Charlotte and Kirby Drayer
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Miles Roberts
Children's Conversation:	Rev. Aaron Roberts
Hospitality Desk:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Chester Bender
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Bill Sanderson, Martha and Bruce Wofford

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.

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, November 27 - Worship

Monday, November 28 - Read Genesis 33:1-20 - Jacob's Cowardly Reunion

Tuesday, November 29 - Read Matthew 10:16-25 - Coming Persecutions

Wednesday, November 30 - Matthew 10:26-42 - Whom and What to Fear

Thursday, December 1 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, December 2 - No Readings

Saturday, December 4 - Read Genesis 34:1-31 - The Rape of Dinah



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November 27, 2016

Advent Festival - Children's Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cookoff and Dinner

Sunday, December 4, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Join us for the annual Advent Festival that is new and improved with the addition of Children's Pageant and a bake sale.

Festival Schedule

3:30-4:00 Children's Pageant

4:00-5:30 Crafts (\$5/person or max of \$20/ family)

5:30 - 6:30 Chili/Soup Cook-Off and meal (freewill donations accepted)

5:00- 6:30 Bake Sale to benefit the Shawnee Mission East Chinese Club

Volunteers Needed for Crafts – The shifts are 4:00 to 4:45 and 4:45 to 5:30 (45 minutes each). If you are interested in helping with a craft please contact Marylee Battaglia at marpaglia33@gmail.com or call/text 913-271 7856. Donated Items Needed for the Craft Session: (may be left in church office) - several bags of chocolates (Hershey's Miniatures), 4 dozen sugar cookies (not frosted), frosting (white), cotton balls.

Colonial's Sunday Night Movie Tonight

We are lightening it up this month by viewing the comedy-drama "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Bill Nighy. A group of pensioners are lured by ads for a beautiful retirement resort in Jaipur, India, only to find it to be run down and managed by an inexperienced, yet idealistic, young man (Dev Patel.). Please join us at 5:30 for popcorn and soft drinks. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. A discussion led by Rachel Ruebner will follow.

Choir Christmas Concert and Soup Supper

Colonial's Choir extends a warm invitation to all members, children and guest to attend the 2016 Christmas Concert. Come and enjoy an early evening of joyful singing by the choir followed by a dinner of delicious soups, breads and cookies. Our concert begins at 5:00 p.m., lasting approximately one hour and followed immediately by dinner. A "Love Offering" will be taken during the concert. The money collected will help to fund the raising of the ceiling in the small chapel.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by BEN, HEATHER, TESSA AND NORA BRASEL in celebration of their family.

HIGHLIGHTS

Centering Prayer for Winter

December is a good month to take a timeout and focus on what's really important. Centering prayer is one way to do that. Join us to talk about what centering prayer is and how to do it, and then to pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. We'll meet Dec. 4, 11, and 18 and on January 1 between 9:30 and 10:00 in the Preschool room downstairs. (Please note: we are skipping Christmas morning but coming together on New Year's Day to give the year a gentle start.) For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at elizabethuppmann@kc.surewest.net.

Advent Sermon Series: A Season of Peace

Christmas brings the proclamation of the coming of the "Prince of Peace." But, it's not that simple. It's not magic. Jesus knew this well when he said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes." (Luke 19:42). This year, we are going to consider "the things that lead to peace" and perhaps even see God's true hope for "Peace on Earth."

The Violence of Hoarding – today

False Peace – December 4

Remembering Newtown – December 11

Peace on Earth – Christmas Eve December 24

Poinsettias for the Altar

Poinsettias will be placed on the altar for the Advent/Christmas season. You can order a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one by using the the order form included, filling it out and placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office with payment. Cost is \$15. While we do not purchase a plant for every memorial, plants will be available to be taken home on Sunday, December 25.

Tweens Holiday Open House

Please stop by the C.T.S. (Colonial Tween Squad) room on Sunday, Dec. 11, after the 10:15 a.m. service for their Holiday Open House. Come see how the Colonial Tweens have decorated their new room for Christmas and enjoy some festival treats.

Unused Cosmetics Needed

If you have unused cosmetics, sample sizes or gifts with purchase that you haven't opened, please place them in the box on the bottom shelf in the library. We need them for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store and for Molly's Table. Thank you!

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild**, Thursday, December 1, 6:00 p.m. Salad supper at Glenna Loomis' home.
- **Coffee and Breakfast**, Monday, December 4, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m., Lin Vaughn's home (3108 W. 73rd St., Prairie Village). Bring an appetizer or beverage to share.
 - **Book Group.** Friday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We are reading "Who Asked You?" by Terry McMillan. All are welcome.
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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, November 27

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

10:00 a.m.—Colonial Tween Squad, CTS Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Movie Night, Heritage Room.

MONDAY, November 28

10:00 a.m.—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room.

TUESDAY, November 29

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, November 30

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

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, December 1

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Cambridge Room.

3:30 p.m.—Justice & Witness Committee, Library.

6:00 p.m.—Alden Guild, Glenna Loomis' Home.

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

FRIDAY, December 2

8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

SUNDAY, December 4

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:00 a.m.—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room.

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.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room.

3:30 p.m.—Advent Festival begins.

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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