



**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors;
we borrow it from our children.**

- Wendell Berry



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

www.colonialucc.org
913-362-7735

April 22, 2018
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
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

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Johann Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to bring to the clergy and/or congregation. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come here seeking to worship the God of all Creation.

People: We have come to stand on holy ground!

Leader: We have come to sing God's praises, as the redbuds and crabapples, the tulips and daffodils sing God's praise with their blooming.

People: We have come to sing praises to our Creator!

Leader: We have come to experience the mighty rush of the Spirit like our surrounding flowing waters in Indian and Tomahawk Creeks, in the Kansas and Missouri Rivers.

People: We have come to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit!

All: We have come to experience the God of Creation in this sacred space.

*** Opening Hymn #28**

For the Beauty of the Earth

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.

People: Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: The God of Creation is also the God of Re-Creation. In Christ we have new life. We have the opportunity now to change our ways and help heal and restore creation. You are forgiven by God—go and do the right thing, and live into God's ways of love, restoration, and peace. Amen.

* 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

Please take a moment to 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 in worship or to participate in our Sunday School program. As the children leave, the congregation sings together:

***This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. (Repeat 3 times.)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

We Hear a Word from God

A Word in Music

When We Worship God Through Music

Eugene Butler

A Word Proclaimed

“Everyone”

Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw

Isaiah 55

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!

Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

Why spend money for what isn’t food, and your earnings for what doesn’t satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts.

Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful loyalty to David.

Look, I made him a witness to the peoples, a prince and commander of peoples.

Look, you will call a nation you don’t know, a nation you don’t know will run to you
because of the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord when he can still be found; call him while he is yet near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes.

Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them, to our God, because
he is generous with forgiveness.

My plans aren’t your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.

Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater, so is my word that comes from my mouth; it does not return to me empty.

Instead, it does what I want, and accomplishes what I intend.

Yes, you will go out with celebration, and you will be brought back in peace.

Even the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you; all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

In place of the thorn the cypress will grow; in place of the nettle the myrtle will grow.

This will attest to the Lord's stature, an enduring reminder that won't be removed.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #575

O for a World

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

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

Mission Moment

Veronica's Voice

Doxology

#778; tune Old Hundredth

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

* Blessing the Offering

People: God of all creation, all that we have is from your creative hand. All that we give is through Jesus' love. Bless these gifts so that others may have joy. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

*Believing that each joy and 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 the name for God that you find most meaningful which may include Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc. The diversity of 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 #592

God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

*** Renewing Our Covenant**

You are invited to turn towards the center aisle and bless one another with the promise of the Colonial 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**

Elegy on "Old Hundredth"

Russell Schulz

Worship Leaders

Guest Organist:	Betty Bauer
Liturgist:	Bruce Wofford
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Miles Roberts
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Martha Wofford
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Howard Lee Bill Sanderson, Bill Yohn
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Jayne Quimby

We all want success however we define that. For some of us it's money or freedom from anxiety about money. We'd like the future secured and full of hope, and that hope is secured by a big lottery win or a long lost rich relative. How do you define "success?" When you imagine your own personal success does that translate into how you imagine the success of institutions you care about? How do we know, for example, if a church is "successful?" It might be that you would think a successful church is a church with many members and full pews on Sunday, or a church without financial concerns, or a church with a large youth group. Size and security may seem good factors to describe success but if we look at the Gospels, we will find that success is defined in a different way.

In John's Gospel, the disciple named Thomas wants to see Jesus and put his hands in the holes made in the body of Jesus by the soldiers of Rome. For Thomas, the marks of faith are wounds. These are not the usual marks associated with success. They are the wounds delivered by a system that killed a man that it could not contain, a man who represented a world view so unlike theirs he was a threat.

How do we know if the church of Jesus Christ is "successful?" By what rubrics will we define that? How will we recognize our wounds as marks of a faithful people?

The United Church of Christ has a poster many churches hang over its doorways It says: *BE THE CHURCH – Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.* Nothing in these ways of "Being Church" are the usual markers for success. They may or may not be predicative of a filled sanctuary or an abundant pledge drive, but they do reflect the way in which Jesus was himself faithful to the world he served and still serves.

There is an old joke that goes like this: Question asked of a New York city taxicab driver: "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" Answer: "Practice." We could ask our churches: "How do you get to be a successful and faithful church?" Answer: "Do what Jesus did." If you are lucky, you will bear the marks of a faithful life. And people will come for miles to see that that what you have done is true and those marks are real. Jesus would probably tell us to stop worrying about the future, just "be the church" he might say. "Be the church, so that you might have life in my name."



The Sunday Crier

April 22, 2018

Bath Products for Sale Today. Lucy Bloom, Executive Director of Veronica's Voice, is here for today's Mission Moment and has a table in the Heritage Room between services and after second service. Bath products handmade by women survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction are available for sale.

Movie Night – April 29 at 5:30. Please join us as we view “The Hundred-Foot Journey,” (2014) starring Helen Mirren. The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery. The resulting rivalry eventually escalates in personal intensity until it goes too far. In response, there is a bridging of sides initiated by the parties involved that encourages an understanding that will change both sides forever. (IMDb) Popcorn and soda will be served. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Cinco de Mayo Game Night. Join us for Game Night on Saturday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Bring snacks to share. Soft drinks provided. Bring a favorite game or just come to play. Everyone is invited! Child care will be provided with a reservation by May 1. Contact Martha Wofford to reserve child care. Older children are welcome to play games. Bring a couple of age appropriate games for them. Sponsored by Colonial Women.

VBS is July 10-13. Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>. If you have any questions please contact Camille Breckenridge or call 913-707-9602.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee following the 10:15 service. Purchase some today in the Heritage Room.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by STACY AND JOSEPH KERN in celebration of their wedding yesterday.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Lunch Out.** Wednesday, May 2, 11:30 a.m. Tatsu's at 4603 W 90th St. **Reservations are a must.** Call Linda Moses (913-642-1335) or email luvslife48@gmail.com by Sunday, April 29.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 3, 6:00 p.m., The Caffetteria in Prairie Village.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, May 11, Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner.



Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations are delivered to four local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions. *Food suggestions:* Canned and Jar Food: vegetables, soup, stews, fruit, peanut butter, beans, tuna, chili, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans, preferably low-sodium items; Boxed and Bagged Food: Cereals (preferably whole grain and low sugar content), crackers, macaroni and cheese, flour, pasta, pancake mix, rice (brown, white or basmati), sugar, breakfast items, snack bars, gluten-free items, dry beans, nuts. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference.

Participate in Bible Study. Our Bible Study is online. To participate, each Thursday at noon either go to <https://zoom.us/j/684548229> on your computer or call in at [646-558-8656](tel:646-558-8656) with meeting ID 684-548-229.

Colonial Family Getaway. Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming.

Serve the Homeless. It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents and the next meal will be served on the Plaza on May 27. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial2018>. Please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Meals are cooked at Colonial at 2:00 p.m. and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, April 22

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—New Member Class, Cambridge Room
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee, Heritage Room
 2:00 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall

MONDAY, April 23

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, April 24

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, April 25

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

THURSDAY, April 26

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room
 12:00 pm—Bible Study
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, April 29

8:30 am—Worship
 9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—New Member Class, Cambridge Room
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm—Movie Night, Heritage Room

For the full church calendar, visit our website at colonialucc.org.

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.

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. Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday in the youth room (the Savoy Room) with Sunday school 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 Founders Chapel, 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 and bulletin on our website. Our 10:15 a.m. 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 and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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