



One ring to rule them all used with permission by tbiley.

If you really want to know what Middle-earth is based on, it's my wonder and delight in the earth as it is, particularly the natural earth. -J. R. R. Tolkien



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April 28, 2019
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Lord of the Rings in Music” Worship Service in the series *The Ring of Power*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Gathering Music

Concerning Hobbits

Shore

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.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** 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 gather and disperse, 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.

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 from the Board of Outreach

Mother’s Day appeal for Malawi

Offertory

Into the West

By Walsh, Shore and Lennox
Christina Dominguez-Fracul, alto

Journey

Leaving the Shire

He used to say there was only one Road; that it was like a great river: its springs were at every doorstep, and every path was its tributary. "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door," he used to say. "You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no telling where you might be swept off to."

Three Is Company, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Hymn 21

"God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

Verses 1 and 3

Hymn 407

"How Firm a Foundation"

Verses 2-4

Changing Seasons and Dark Times

Galadriel's Song of Lorien

There long the golden leaves have grown upon the branching years,
While here beyond the Sundering Seas now fall the Even-tears.

O Lorien! The Winter comes, the bare and leafless Day;

The leaves are falling in the stream, the River flows away.

Farewell to Lorien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Frodo does not wish for his task

'I wish it would not happen when I was alive' said Frodo. 'So do I' Said Gandalf, 'and so do all those who live in hard times. But they can't choose what time they are born in. All we can choose is what to do with that time.'

The Shadow of the Past, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Hymn 432

"'Tis Winter Now, the Fallen Snow"

Verses 1 and 3

Hymn 438

"When Peace, Like a River"

Verses 2 and 4

Death and Resurrection

Frodo's Lament for Gandalf

A lord of wisdom throned he sat,
 Swift in anger, quick to laugh,
 And old man in a battered hat
 Who leaned upon a thorny staff.
 He stood upon the bridge alone
 And Fire and Shadow both defied;
 His staff was broken on the stone,
 In Khazad-dum his wisdom died.

The Mirror of Galadriel, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Gandalf's Return

At last Aragorn stirred. 'Gandalf!' he said. 'Beyond all hope you return to us in our need!'
 'Gandalf,' the old man repeated, as if recalling from old memory a long disused word.
 'Yes, that was the name. I was Gandalf.'
 'Get up, my good Gimli! No blame to you, and no harm done to me. Indeed my friends, none of you have any weapon that could hurt me. Be merry! We meet again. At the turn of the tide. The great storm is coming, but the tide has turned.'

The White Rider, *The Two Towers*

All that is Gold Does Not Glitter

All that is gold does not glitter,
 Not all those who wander are lost;
 The old that is strong does not wither,
 Deep roots are not reached by the frost.
 From the ashes, a fire shall be woken,
 A light from the shadows shall spring;
 Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
 The crownless again shall be king.

Strider, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Hymn 226	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	Verses 2 and 3
Hymn 258	“Christ, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”	Verses 1 and 3

Journey’s End

Legolas’s Song of the Sea

To the Sea, to the Sea! The white gulls are crying,
 The wind is blowing, and the white foam is flying.
 West, west away, the round sun is falling.
 Grey ship, grey ship, do you hear them calling,
 The voices of my people that have gone before me?
 I will leave, I will leave the woods that bore me;
 For our days are ending and our years failing.
 I will pass the wide waters lonely sailing.
 Long are the waves on the Last Shore falling,
 Sweet are the voices in the Lost Isle calling,
 In Eressëa, in Elvenhome that no man can discover,
 Where the leaves fall not: land of my people for ever!

The Field of Cormallen, *The Return of the King*

Journey’s End

At last the three companions turned away, and never again looking back they rode slowly homewards; and they spoke no word to one another until they came back to the Shire, but each had great comfort in his friends on the long grey road. At last they rose over the downs and took the East Road, and then Merry and Pippin road on to Buckland; and already they were singing again as they went. But Sam turned to Bywater, and so came back up the Hill, as day was ending once more. And he went on, and there was yellow light, and fire within; and the evening meal was ready, and he was expected. And Rose drew him in, and set him in his chair, and put little Eleanor upon his lap. He drew a deep breath. “Well, I’m back,” he said.

The Grey Havens, *The Return of the King*

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Frank Robertson
Camera Operator:	Ryan Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Jayne Quimby
Hospitality Table:	Sally Huggins
Head Usher:	Missy Flachsbarth
Ushers:	Howard Lee, Bob Starcke
Fellowship Host:	Brook Carson

Resurrection Witness: A UCC Mission Moment

Acts 5:27-32

Today we sing a song of joy and thanksgiving for a new day. The psalmist calls the people to rise up and rejoice as branches bursting with renewed life. After the night of persecution, confusion and death, there is new light and hope! The risen Jesus enters our fearful lives, offers us peace, and sends us to cooperate with God's abundant grace throughout the whole of creation.

Faithful witnesses all of them, Peter and the Apostles, risking death and public humiliation because they must preach what they preach. New church starts are kind of like that, though usually without the death part, because they have no building or traditions born of "we've always done it this way." They have only the way in which they proclaim their faith and their hope. Just like Peter in the Book of Acts, pastors planting new churches have only themselves and the genuine message of their personal testimony to convince and invite. Such is the ministry of The Lighthouse Church of Chicago.

The Lighthouse Church is 5-year-old church plant called by God to be, "passionate about Jesus and serious about Justice." Lighthouse is a predominately African American LGBT-inclusive church that welcomes all people. They follow the life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus Christ, believing that God has offered the greatest love story in all of human history: the story of a God who has come to us in human form, lived, died, rose, and is soon to come again. From faith, Lighthouse takes serious the call towards Justice.

Lighthouse welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, ethnicities, and class—beloved not in spite of the gospel, but because of the gospel. And anywhere they experience –isms or –phobias at work in the world, they commit to work to uproot them, inspired by the example of Christ. Pastor Jamie Frazier says of the Lighthouse Church of Chicago: "It is wonderful to be so utterly supported by all levels of the United Church of Christ, including National! Words cannot express the pleasure and honor it is to pastor the incredible folks at Lighthouse."

Learn more about Lighthouse here: <http://www.lighthousechicago.org>.



The Sunday Crier

April 28, 2019

Ring of Power Sermon Series. Dr. Joseph Kern has put together our annual post-Easter musical worship service for today as we begin our *Lord of the Rings* inspired sermon series. In May, we are going with JRR Tolkien to Middle Earth as we explore the concept of power.

Sunday Night Movie: The Piano Lesson. You're invited to join us tonight at 5:30 p.m. for "The Piano Lesson." The film combines August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning play and a stellar cast. Boy Willie (Charles S. Dutton) wants to buy a farm that his ancestors used to work as slaves, but first he must sell the family's most valuable possession – a beautiful carved piano that holds a unique place in their history. Now the piano will draw their family into a timeless struggle that speaks to every generation—whether to cling to the traditions of the past or trade them for a chance of a better future. Jan Parkinson, who was involved in the production, will lead the discussion after the movie.

Care to Join Us? New Member Class Starts May 5. Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, May 5, 12 and 19 in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 19 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

Fair Trade Coffee. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade ground coffee for purchase the last Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. Purchase yours today in the narthex.

Post-Ramadan Dinner on May 23. Share a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Dialogue Institute Muslim neighbors on Thursday, May 23 at Colonial. Registration 7:45-8:15 p.m., presentation about Ramadan 8:15, dinner 8:50. Late start so the Ramadan fast will not be broken until after sunset. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/post-ramadan2019>

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Robbie Robinson in loving memory of Jo Ellen Robinson.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Lunch Out.** Wednesday, May 1, noon, Vivilore (10815 E Winner Rd, Independence, MO). Please RSVP to Kathi Cook (913-236-8292).
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m., Thai Place.
- **Book Group.** Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. We will discuss “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Colonial at the Movies – Tolkien. As we go to Middle-earth in our May sermon series, signup to join a group to see the movie Tolkien at AMC Town Center 20 (11701 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS 66211) at the 4:15 p.m. showing on Saturday, May 11. Tickets are \$12/seat, and we'll order tickets as a group at noon on the Thursday before (May 9). So signup today at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/tolkien>

Colonial Friends to Visit Shatto Dairy. Colonial Friends will visit Shatto Dairy Farm and plant on Wednesday, May 15. It is north of Kansas City, between Cameron and St. Joseph. Meet at the Colonial parking lot by 9:00 a.m. to organize carpools. Lunch at a restaurant on the way home. Cost of the tour is \$10. RSVP to Bob Starcke at (913)406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com.

Solar Panels for Chapel Roof. We have a goal of \$35,000 to install a photovoltaic system composed of 32 solar panels to be mounted in a single rooftop array on the south side of the Colonial Chapel roof. It is estimated the system will reduce the church's electrical usage by about 20%, recovering the cost through lower electric bills in about 14 years. To date we have raised \$10,700. Please contribute by writing a check to the church with “Solar Panels” in the memo section or online at colonialucc.org and select “Give Online”. You may also text to give at 913-325-4400.

Stained Glass Window Project. We are over halfway to our goal of \$8,000, with \$4,120 as of April 22 to repair our beautiful stained glass window over the altar. Please consider contributing to the effort to keep our beautiful window in place. Any contribution is helpful. Checks may be placed in the offering plate with the notation “Window” or you can give through our website by clicking here and then clicking on the drop down menu on the right to “stained glass window repair.”

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for

2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza at 4:00 p.m.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, April 28

9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room
 9:15 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex
 9:30 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 9:30 Centering Prayer, Salem Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 10:15 Tween Squad, Salem Room
 11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
 11:15 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex
 11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
 2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall
 5:30 Movie Night, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, April 30

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room
 6:30 pm Council, Northampton Room

WEDNESDAY, May 1

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 12:00 pm Colonial Women Lunch Out, Vivilore

THURSDAY, May 2

10:00 am Bible Study
 3:00 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library
 6:00 Alden Guild, Thai Place
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, May 3

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

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, call our church office at 913-362-7735.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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.

Tween Squad—The Colonial Tween Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Salem Room. All students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades are welcome.

Youth Group—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. The group meets each week at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning in the youth room (Savoy) for Teens Connect followed by worship at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service 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 <https://tinyurl.com/onlineworship-colonial> 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

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