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I believe in Spinoza's God who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of what exists, not in a God who concerns himself with the fates and actions of human beings.

-Albert Einstein



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April 29, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The God You Learn to be at Peace With” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *How Big is Your God?*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Dunlap’s Creek

Biery

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: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

Leader: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

People: **In the beginning God said, “Let us make humankind in our image.”**

Leader: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

People: **We are here as God’s community to worship the Source of our being.**

*** Opening Hymn #275** “Come Now, Almighty God”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: **Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live without acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: We trust in this promise: God promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth. In this truth we trust and give thanks.

People: **Thanks be to God! 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 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.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word in Music

Upon This Rock

Pepper Choplin

The Creator God - Genesis 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth—the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters—God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared.

God saw how good the light was.

God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

A Plan Before the Creation of the Universe - Ephesians 1:4-5

God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God’s presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan.

God’s Message to Job: ‘I’m God and You’re Not’ - Job 38:4-14

Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations?

Tell me if you know.

Who set its measurements?

Surely you know.

Who stretched a measuring tape on it?

On what were its footings sunk; who laid its cornerstone, while the morning stars sang in unison and all the divine beings shouted?

Who enclosed the Sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment, the dense clouds its wrap, when I imposed my limit for it, put on a bar and doors and said, “You may come this far, no farther; here your proud waves stop”?

In your lifetime have you commanded the morning, informed the dawn of its place so it would take hold of earth by its edges and shake the wicked out of it?

Avoid Labeling People or Situations as Good or Evil - Mark 10:17-18

A man ran up, knelt before [Jesus], and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



Homework Assignment

What image comes to your mind when you visually imagine God?

As we worship together over the coming weeks, we would like to curate a collection of images submitted by Colonial members, friends, and guests. You are invited to send us a picture that best communicates “God” to you. Images can be something you create, a piece of art, a photograph, etc. You may include an explanation if you think it would be helpful. Our collected images will be used in worship during the next month.

Digital images may be submitted to GodPictures@colonialucc.org.
You may also submit hard copies of images to Rev. Nikki Woolsey.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn #32**

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

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.

Offertory

Jesus Christ, Our Savior

Dupre

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: Holy One, receive these gifts and our very lives for your service.
Multiply them and our efforts to meet the needs of our world.
We are yours God, use us we pray. 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 #12

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*** 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 till we meet again.

O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

*** Benediction and Postlude**

Nicaea

Farlee

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Jules Burik
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Bruce Wofford
Ushers:	Mary Pelton, Bob Starcke Bruce Wofford, Martha Wofford
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Cindy Lafferty

Collecting our Images of God

Thank you to the following members and friends who submitted pictures for our growing collection of images of God.

Valerie Cable	Night with Her Train of Stars by Edward Hughes
Darren Carpenter	Flint Hills
Hayden Ferguson	Clouds
Stephanie Graff	Geyser
Stephanie Graff	Joy with sprinkles
Stephanie Graff	New beginnings
Stephanie Graff	Peace, comfort, rest
Sally Huggins	Light shining down
Carrie Roberts	The Sheltering Hand
Pernell Talberg	Child at the church door
Pernell Talberg	Pond at sunset
Janet Weiblen	Infinite ocean



The Sunday Crier

April 29, 2018

Movie Night – Tonight 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.

Family Finance 101. Join us for Family Finance 101 on Sunday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall as our panel of experts presents an overview of key areas affecting your financial future: Wills and trusts, establishing an Advanced Directive and Power of Attorney, changes in the new federal income tax law, Social Security, planned giving from your estate to Colonial or other charities, and the role of a financial planner. A brief presentation about each of these topics will be followed by a light lunch and an opportunity for you to talk directly with our presenters. Printed materials and services of a notary will also be provided. There is no charge for this event, but a freewill offering will be collected to cover the cost of lunch. This event is presented as a service to church members and the community, so feel free to invite neighbors or friends. Reservations are necessary. To reserve your spot, go to <https://tinyurl.com/col-finance101>.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by MARION AND TIM TAYLOR in memory of Marion's parents and brother.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Lunch Out.** Wednesday, May 2, 11:30 a.m. Tatsu's at 4603 W 90th St. **Reservations are a must and today is the deadline.** Call Linda Moses (913-642-1335) or email luvslife48@gmail.com.
- **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.



Colonial Friends BBQ Outing. Colonial Friends will have lunch at Zarda Bar-B-Q at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16. We will meet at the restaurant at 11931 W. 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS, 66215. Please RSVP to Catherine Bowser, bowcat2@aol.com or (913)381-0430 by Monday, May 14. Tell Catherine if you need a ride.

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.

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.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity is May 13.

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 29

8:30 am—Worship

9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

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

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

MONDAY, April 30

3:00 pm—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, May 1

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

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, May 2

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

11:30 am—Colonial Women Lunch, Tatsu’s

THURSDAY, May 3

12:00 pm—Bible Study

3:00 pm—Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00 pm—Alden Guild, The Caffetteria

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, May 4

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SATURDAY, May 5

6:30 pm—Game Night, 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, 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 <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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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