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"The heavenly motions... are nothing but a continuous song for several voices, perceived not by the ear but by the intellect, a figured music which sets landmarks in the immeasurable flow of time."

– Johannes Kepler



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April 8, 2018
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Hymn Sing” 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

Down Ampney

Sedio

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.

Easter Season Acclamation

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

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

Christ is Risen from the Dead

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* 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: O God of life, take these gifts and bless them, multiply them, and put them to work in your world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope. We offer them to you as a witness to your love that makes our joy complete! 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

Dr. Joseph Kern

Moses's first song after crossing the Red Sea: Exodus 15:1-3, 18-19

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider he threw into the sea! The LORD is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation. This is my God, whom I will praise, the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

The LORD will rule forever and always. When Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea over them. But the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Hymn #230

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Verse 1

Moses's final song before his death: Deuteronomy 33:1, 26-29

This is the blessing that Moses the man of God gave the Israelites before he died. He said:

Jeshurun! No one compares to God! He rides through heaven to help you, rides majestically through the clouds. The most ancient God is a place of safety; the eternal arms are a support. He drove out the enemy before you. He commanded: "Destroy them!" So Israel now lives in safety— Jacob's residence is secure— in a land full of grain and wine, where the heavens drip dew. Happy are you, Israel! Who is like you? You are a people saved by the LORD! He's the shield that helps you, your majestic sword! Your enemies will come crawling on their knees to you, but you will stomp on their backs!

Hymn #471

What a Covenant

Verses 1 and 2

David's song of praise: 1 Chronicles 16:7-13, 32-36

On the same day, for the first time, David ordered Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make his deeds known to all people! Sing to God, sing praises to him; dwell on all his wondrous works! Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD! Pursue the LORD and his strength; seek his face always! Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared— you who are the offspring of Israel, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones. Let the sea and everything in it roar! Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! Then the trees of the forest will shout out joyfully before the LORD, because he is coming to establish justice on earth! Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever. Say: "Save us, God, our savior! Gather us! Deliver us from among the nations so we can give thanks to your holy name and rejoice in your praise." Bless the LORD, Israel's God, from forever in the past to forever always. And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

Hymn #22

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped and Sustains All Creation

Verses 1 and 4

Third dirge in the book of dirges: Lamentations 3:22-24

Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.

Hymn #423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Verse 1

Gloria: Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.

Hymn #125

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verses 1 and 2

Agnus Dei: John 1:29-31

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me. Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel."

Hymn #207

Just as I Am

Verses 1 and 3

The heavenly praise of God: Revelation 4:6-11

In the center, by the throne, were four living creatures encircling the throne. These creatures were covered with eyes on the front and on the back. The first living creature was like a lion. The second living creature was like an ox. The third living creature had a face like a human being. And the fourth living creature was like an eagle in flight. Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and each was covered all around and on the inside with eyes. They never rest day or night, but keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is coming."

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, who lives forever and always, the twenty-four elders fall before the one seated

on the throne. They worship the one who lives forever and always. They throw down their crowns before the throne and say,

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you created all things. It is by your will that they existed and were created."

Hymn #277

Holy, Holy, Holy

Verses 2 and 3

The new song: Revelation 5:9-14

They took up a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will rule on earth." Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands.

They said in a loud voice, "Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, and honor, glory, and blessing." And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say, "Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always." Then the four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Hymn #617

Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

Verses 1, 3, and 4

Hymn #556

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Verses 1 and 3

The world is sung into being: excerpts from Ainulindalë

There was Eru, the one who in Arda is called Ilúvatar; and he made first the Ainur, the Holy Ones, that were the offspring of his thought, and there were with him before aught else was made. And he spoke to them, propounding to them themes of music; and they sang before him, and he was glad. But for a long while they sang only each alone, or but few together, while the rest hearkened; for each comprehended only that part of the mind of Ilúvatar from which he came, and in the understanding of their brethren

they grew but slowly. Yet ever as they listened they came to deeper understanding, and increased in unison and harmony.

Then Ilúvatar spoke, and he said: ‘Mighty are the Ainur, and mightiest among them is Melkor; but that he may know, and all the Ainur, that I am Ilúvatar, those things that ye have sung, I will show them forth, that ye may wonderful, which he himself hath not imagined.’

...Ilúvatar arose in splendor, and he went forth from the fair regions that he had made for the Ainur; and the Ainur followed him.

But when they were come into the Void, Ilúvatar said to them: ‘Behold your Music!’ And he showed to them a vision, giving to them sight where before was only hearing; and they saw a new World made visible before them, and it was globed amid the Void, and it was sustained therein, but was not of it.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Depart to Serve

* **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.

* **Postlude**

Finale from Shape Note Fantasy

Kern

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Ken Werne
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Sally Huggins
Head Usher:	Doug Welch
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Randy Freeman Sue Freeman, Doug Welch
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Sally Huggins



The Sunday Crier

April 8, 2018

Spaghetti and Service Fundraiser. Saturday, April 14 - 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall
 Colonial youth will be attending the Regional Youth Event June 19-22 in Grinnell, Iowa and they need to raise some money to pay their way. You can help by having a spaghetti dinner prepared by the youth on April 14. Your freewill donation will help them on their way. Please RSVP to Amy Congdon, youth director, to let them know you are coming.
Service: You can fill your soul as well as your stomach with several small service projects throughout the evening.

Donations: If you can't come the youth are happy to accept donations of the ingredients (spaghetti, sauce, lemonade, or grated parmesan cheese). Donations can be dropped off in the Youtz Room or church office (please label for the dinner).

Tearing Down Walls: Finding a Path to Religious Understanding. Relationships between religious people around the world is one of the most significant issues of the 21st century as ignorance leads to intolerance and even violence. "Tearing Down Walls" is an event aimed at learning skills in interreligious dialogue with the hope of promoting peace through interreligious understanding and cooperation. Nationally-recognized scholars will lead sessions on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Colonial. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-walls>. An Armin and Shirley Limper Program in Christianity and World Religions through Eden Seminary.

Care to Join Us? New Member Class Starts April 22. 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, April 22, 29, and May 6, in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 6 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by FRANK ROBERTSON in memory of Frank and Lela Robertson.

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. Purchase some today in the narthex.

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.

Colonial Friends April Event. On Wednesday, April 18, Colonial Friends will visit City Union Mission in downtown Kansas City to learn more about this significant organization within the inner city. Perhaps some of you are already supporters. Afterwards we will lunch together at Manny's on Southwest Boulevard. Meet at the church by 9:20 to carpool. We need to be at the Mission building (1100 East 11 Street, KCMO) by 10:00 a.m. Our lunch reservation is at 11:30. Costs will include a \$10 donation to City Union Mission plus whatever you spend on lunch. Very little walking will be required. Call or email Bob Starcke at 913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com. Bring your friends!

Serve the Homeless. The next meal, which will be served on the Plaza on April 22, is being prepared and served by Colonial Women. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, contact Kathi Cook at 913-236-8292.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Feed the Homeless.** We will provide the meal on April 22 on the Plaza. Call Kathi Cook at 913-236-8292 if you can help.
- **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 Family Getaway. Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. Come for the day or stay overnight in an air-conditioned cabin, on a plug-in RV site, or in your own tent. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, April 8

No 8:30 am Worship Service

9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

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

9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel

9:30—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:15—Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex

TUESDAY, April 10

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, April 11

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

9:30 am—Writers Group, Heritage Room

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

THURSDAY, April 12

12:00 pm—Bible Study

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SATURDAY, April 14

5:30-7:30 pm—Spaghetti Dinner, Social Hall

SUNDAY, April 15

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

11:30—Council/Administrative Board, 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 <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](#)

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