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Most fears of rejection rest on the desire for approval from other people. Don't base your self-esteem on their opinions.

-Harvey Mackay



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August 19, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Yes and No” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *The Messed Up Pursuit of Happiness*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Vater unser in Himmelreich

J.S. Bach

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

*** Opening Hymn #42** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: **Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only.
You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be
expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when we honor you
only with our lips and not with our actions.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Holy One, in Christ you have shown us the way into your Beloved Community of mercy, love and peace, in which you are making all things new. We come to affirm our covenant and sacred promise to be in loving relationship with you.

People: **Thank you for giving us life. Open us to your truth. Fill us with your grace so we can fall in love with your world so that we may offer and experience forgiveness, reconciliation and hope. 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 Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

A Statement of Faith - Matthew 5:37

[Jesus taught:] "Let your *yes* mean yes, and your *no* mean no. Anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Paul's Recruitment Strategy - 1 Corinthians 9:20-22

Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means.

Faith = Trust - Isaiah 7:9b

If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn #417** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

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

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

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***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 God, these gifts are the fruit produced in the fields of our lives.
 When we share these gifts, we choose blessing. We choose life. May
 God’s promises be fulfilled through these our gifts. 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 #473

"Blessed Assurance"

* **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**

Wunderbarer König

Harbach

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Whitey Ackley
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Howard Lee
Ushers:	Randy Freeman, Sue Freeman Howard Lee, Bill Yohn
Fellowship Host:	Martha Wofford

Wisdom Quest: A UCC Mission Moment

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

If you could have a super power which would you want: To be invisible or to fly? Your answer might signal the difference between wanting to soar above the world or wanting to hide from the world or to know the secret thoughts of others. But what does it signal to others if the super power you ask for is a discerning heart? What if that super power was simply to be wise? In this story, what is it that Solomon asks for? What if you could seek wisdom? Where would you go to find it?

One of the responsibilities and privileges of being a part of a denomination is that the wisdom gained by theological thinking is owned by all of us, both ordained and lay person, graduate school education or not. We are all expected to think about our faith and to do that joining our rationality and the convictions born in the heart. We must learn to think and feel with intention about what we believe. Learning to do that impacts how we will train ministers in the coming decades to address our congregational way and faith, and how we will help form the faith of all our people. The UCC is asking us all about what wisdom is at hand to think about these things?

This was why our offices in Cleveland organized a two-day symposium in April. Called "From the Ground Up: Reimagining Theological Formation" the intention of this meeting was an invitation to all members of this beloved denomination to think together about faith formation in our churches and our seminaries. Rev. Alice Hunt, former president of Chicago Theological Seminary, and vice-chair of the UCC Board of Directors, made the call at General Synod in 2017 for us to think about the faith formation of all our people, from cradle to grave, and to imagine how that formation might be consistent with what it means to be a part of this United Church of Christ. She said, "We won't be relevant, as people of faith, individually, in our communities of faith, and as the United Church of Christ, unless we build our life, work, and actions on solid theological formation."

What does your church do to offer theological reflection and faith formation for the people in your congregation? What do you believe about life's big questions and what is the place of the church for this broken and beautiful world? Your denominational partners care about these things and about how we share our collective wisdom. And, above all, how that will impact the way we train our ministers in the future.



The Sunday Crier

August 19, 2018

Justice & Witness Survey. Colonial Church Justice & Witness Committee is seeking your thoughts regarding key issues of concern that challenge us as Christians today. We would like to know topics you personally consider most troubling and would like more information. We will seek resources that lead to greater understanding and opportunities for our constructive actions. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/justice-witness-survey>

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

- A family or group of friends can take a Sunday.
- It takes 1-2 hours starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
- Skill requirements range from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and cutting tomatoes/lettuce/onions (goggles optional) to fixing taco meat and beans and rice.

The next opportunity is August 26. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh18>
Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, 4:30-6:00 p.m. You can also sign up to serve. This worthwhile outreach of Colonial needs everyone to help make it a success!

August Molly's Table Dinner. We have a fun Mom's Night Out planned for the women of Sheffield Place on Thursday, August 30 at 5:00 p.m. We'll serve a home-cooked meal, followed by an evening of jewelry making. Please consider being part of this special event by volunteering your time, or by donating some of the menu items. To sign up to donate parts of the meal or to help that night, go to <https://tinyurl.com/molly-august>
All food donations must be delivered to the Heritage Room by 5:00 p.m. Please store perishable items in the refrigerator. Questions? Call or email Jeni Cosgrove (913-219-4815; jeni@jimcosgrove.com).

*Altar
Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given by Aaron and Carrie Roberts in memory of Aaron's mother, Johanna Roberts.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Isaac Richard Kromnacker.

Gathering Sunday celebrating Art Foster's Ministry – September 16. Please join us for food and fellowship following the 10:15 service on Sunday, September 16. Chicken will be provided, and sides and desserts will be potluck. After the lunch we will have a 1:00 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary to honor Art Foster's calling to ordained ministry in 1948.

You Still Have Time to Sign Up for the Colonial Family Getaway. Whether for one day or for the entire gathering, join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas. It's all happening Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. You can come down for the activities on Saturday and return home or join us on Sunday morning. Whatever best fits your schedule. You can camp in a tent or bring your RV. The park is just over an hour from Colonial. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, August 31, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, September 3, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit. (Yes, we know it's Labor Day.)
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 6, 6:00 p.m., Zarda's.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 11 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Bible Study – Amos and Hosea. In our divided times, Amos' and Hosea's message is very relevant. We need to hear about God's tough love and amazing grace for a people who have often broken God's heart. On Thursdays at noon, you can come to Colonial Church, attend online at <https://zoom.us/j/341633262> or dial-in to 646-558-8656 with Meeting ID 341 633 262. To receive the weekly study guide materials, contact Pastor Aaron at aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org.

Board of Worship Help Needed. As we gear up for our fall worship schedule, the Board of Worship is looking for volunteers to add to the rotations for the following committees: head ushers and ushers, liturgists, children's conversation, pew supply check, and communion set-up. If you want more information about what is involved, or you're ready to volunteer, please email Charlotte Drayer at charlotte.drayer@gmail.com or sign up directly at <https://tinyurl.com/worship-vols> Becoming involved with your church helps you connect with the members of your congregation!

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 members add their contributions. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, August 19

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
 9:30 Board of Parish Life, Northampton Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
 11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

TUESDAY, August 21

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, August 22

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

THURSDAY, August 23

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

SUNDAY, August 26

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
 11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
 2:00 pm AHH Cooking, 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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