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Our population and our use of the finite resources of planet Earth are growing exponentially, along with our technical ability to change the environment for good or ill.

-Dr. Stephen Hawking



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August 20, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
***Love of Creation* Worship Service**
in the series *Three Great Loves*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Entrata Festiva

-Fedak

Welcome and Call to Worship

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

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* **Opening Hymn #12** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession – *A Prayer for Our Earth* by Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

*** 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** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.)

Children's Conversation with Bells

-Bob Starcke and Tim Taylor

(Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

God Saw How Good It Was!

Genesis 1:10-12 God named the dry land Earth, and God named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was.

God said, "Let the Earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the Earth." And that's what happened. The Earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

Have Dominion as Stewards of the Earth

Genesis 1:27-28 God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them; male and female God created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the Earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the Earth."

The Reconciling Holy Spirit

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

A Challenge...

Hebrews 10:24 Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #527

We Offer Christ

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Celtic Alleluia

-Proulx

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

Doxology (#780 adapted; tune Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

* Blessing the Offering

God, the provider of the living bread from heaven, give us the courage and strength to go to the aid of our hungry brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or 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 whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These 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

Honoring Pauline Anthan's Retirement

* **Hymn #372**

God, You Have Set Us

* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our 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**

Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

-Peeters

Liturgist:

Joan Gilson

Guest Organist:

Ann Marie Rigler

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Bob Starcke

Hospitality Table:

Mary Pelton

Head Usher:

Bill Yohn

Ushers:

Loren Griffith

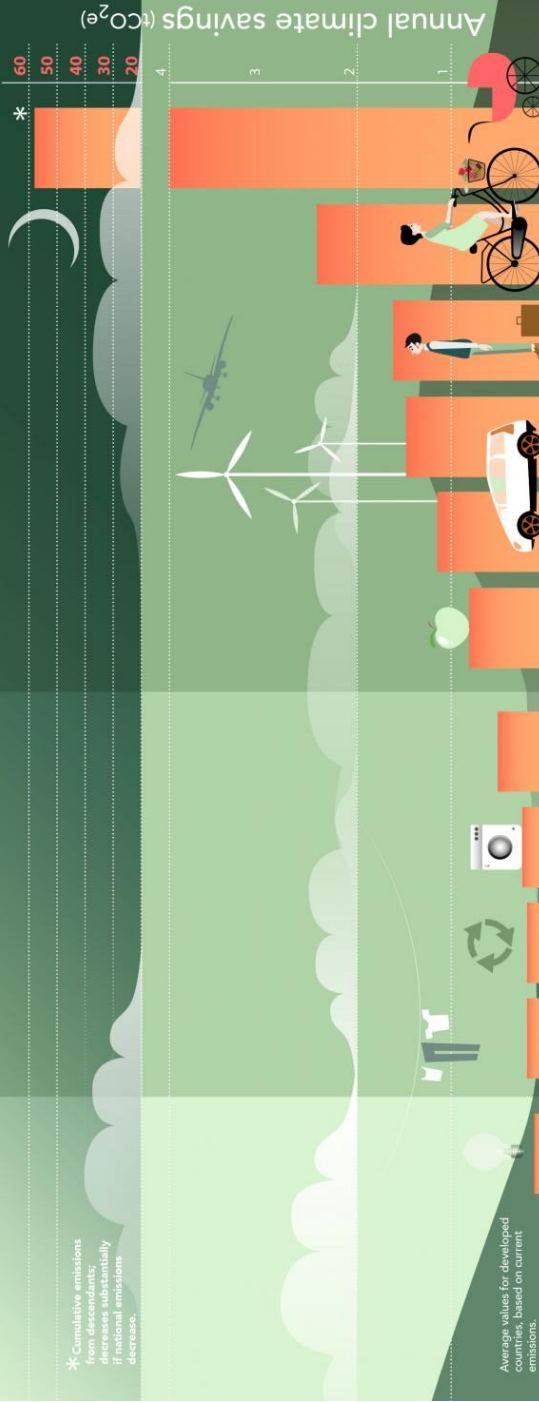
Cindy Lafferty

Bill Sanderson

Bill Yohn

Personal choices to reduce your contribution to climate change

*Cumulative emissions from descendants; increases substantially if emissions decrease.



Average values for developed countries based on current emissions.

- Upgrade light bulbs
- Hang dry clothes
- Recycle clothes
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Replace typical car with hybrid
- Switch electric car to car free
- Buy green energy
- Avoid one transatlantic flight
- Live car free
- Have one fewer child

Low Impact

< 0.2 tCO₂e

Moderate Impact

0.8-0.2 tCO₂e

High Impact

> 0.8 tCO₂e

Seth Wynes & Kimberly Nicholas, 2017, Environmental Research Letters



The Sunday Crier

August 20, 2017

Celebration Today of Pauline on Her Retirement. Pauline Anthan, our church administrator the past 20 years, is retiring so today we will celebrate her service, in worship and with a potluck lunch in the Social Hall. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Men's Breakfast Group. Chuck Nigro, Chair of the Johnson County Commission on Aging, will be the speaker at the September meeting of the Men's Breakfast Group. Everyone is welcome to the breakfast on Tuesday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m. at Perkins (87th St between I35 and Alt. 69 Hwy). The Commission supports and advocates for needed services for the 107,000 seniors in Johnson County.

"Stump the Pastor" Next Sunday. Got a tough question that you've always wanted to ask? Next Sunday we're going to have a "Stump the Pastor" Sunday. Send in your question at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92LYNVQ>

Toilet Paper Collection. In August, we are collecting toilet paper for the Village Food Pantry. Please help by bringing toilet paper to add to the little red wagon that takes food items to the Village Food Pantry each week. Toilet paper cannot be purchased with food stamps and the food pantry can send each family of five or more with only a single roll of paper to last all week. Bulk packaging is great because the food pantry breaks open the packages anyway for distribution.

Centering Prayer for Summer's End. School starts and life gets busy. Are you looking for some time apart? Centering prayer helps quiet the internal jangling so you can just be. Join us on August 27 and September 3, 10, and 17 in the Preschool room between 9:30 and 10:00. We'll spend a little time checking in and talking about centering prayer, and then we'll pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at elizabethuppmann@kc.surewest.net.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the AARON AND CARRIE ROBERTS in loving memory of Aaron's mother, Johanna Roberts.

Dialogue Institute Invitation to Brunch. Circle Saturday, October 28, to mark our invitation from The Dialogue Institute of the Southwest has invited Colonial to a brunch at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, at the institute (4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS). They have invited Vern Barnett, founder of the Kansas City Interfaith Council, to speak on "The Healing Power of World Religions." All are invited. Do not miss this unique time to hear an interesting speaker, strengthen friendships with those of a different faith and enjoy a delicious meal. RSVP by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or online at <http://tinyurl.com/dialogue-brunch>

A New Purpose. Colonial's Archive Room has taken on a new purpose. A great deal of cleaning and a large participation in sorting through all papers has taken place. The new purpose for this room is threefold. It will remain an Archive on the west wall. Bruce Wofford will continue to have space in order to work on our computers and the biggest change is we moved Kirk our Director of Music's office in there. If you feel you have an item for the Archive Room, please leave it in the church office for review so that it may be placed properly. We also request that no one dump used posters or any other items in that room. Your help in keeping Colonial clean and organized is greatly appreciated.

Race for the Cure. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® series is the world's largest, most successful fundraising and education event for breast cancer. Marylee Battaglia (16 year breast cancer survivor) will be in the narthex next Sunday with a table where you can make a donation or fill in a registration for her team in person that she will hand deliver to the Susan G. Komen office. Every amount helps reach a cure.

Stephen Minister Training Begins in September. Stephen Ministers are people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Colonial Church has a team of Stephen Ministers, and if you'd like to receive training to become one too, please contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org) to get signed up for the training that begins weekly in September through December.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan.
- **Coffee.** Monday, September 4, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit. Yes, we know it's Labor Day. Come anyway!
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase in the narthex following the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be Sunday, September 10.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, August 20

8:30 am—Worship
 9:00—Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Potluck Lunch for Pauline, Social Hall

TUESDAY, August 22

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, August 23

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

THURSDAY, August 24

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room
 10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, August 25

7:00 pm—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren’s home

SUNDAY, August 27

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Fellowship, Heritage Room
 11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

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. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is aaron@colonialucc.org.

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. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) 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 the Choir Room, 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, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am 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, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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