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**True happiness...is not attained through
self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy
purpose.**

-Helen Keller



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August 5, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Messed Up Metric” 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

Te ofrecemos

Honoré

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, #349**

“I Come with Joy”

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice.

You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.

Communion Anthem

Jesus, My Trust

Dupre

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have fed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. 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

Get Over Yourself - Romans 12:3

I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable...

There Can Be No True Worship Without Sacrifice - Exodus 20:2-4

I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me. Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.

Money As an Idol - 1 Timothy 6:10

The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

A Favorite Scripture - Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

A Future Prosperity That You Will Not See - Jeremiah 29:12-14

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #488

“Be Still, My Soul”

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

“Broken Halos”

performed by Chris Stapleton

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: Faithful God, we bring our lives and these gifts to you. Multiply them, that they might enable our work in the world to be your faithful disciples. In Jesus’s name 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

* Prayer of Farewell to Geoff Robinson

God, we give thanks for the time we have shared with Geoff. We have worshipped, learned, and worked together in Christ's service. We pray that he will always be aware of your Spirit's guidance. We thank you for the gifts that he has graciously shared with us. Bless Geoff always in the name of Jesus the Savior. Amen.

* Hymn #522

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Verses 1-2

* 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

Melita

Wold

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Frank Robertson
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Howard Lee Linda Moses, Bill Yohn
Fellowship Host:	Diane Kuhn

Bread of Life: A UCC Mission Moment

John 6:24-25

Bread is a theological issue. Jesus is bread. It isn't just that the bread becomes him but he became bread for us. His body is what he offers to nourish our lives. How does that happen? People who make bread know something of that mystery. The mystery of how yeast works to rise dough, or how the hard grains at the end of a dry stalk mix with liquids and other grains and get pulled and pushed and "rested" and risen and baked to feed the world. Such is bread. However, the gluten that gives bread its elasticity is harmful to people who have a sensitivity to it. Congregations in the United Church of Christ have been having conversations about this and are offering a variety of solutions.

One solution is that there will be two kinds of bread – one with gluten and one without – served at Holy Communion. In 2017 the Vatican prohibited gluten free wafers and bread as inappropriate for the Eucharist. The Roman Catholic position is that the element served must resemble as closely as possible the ingredients in the bread and the wine Jesus ate at that last meal with his disciples. The Protestant position has always been that we remember that meal as a symbolic act. It's that position that made it possible for us, a hundred years ago, to change and offer grape juice instead of wine, recognizing that offering wine can hurt alcoholics.

Therefore, just as some churches offer cups with wine and cups with juice they now offer bread choices. Old First Church in Philadelphia went to the congregation and asked them what they should do. As a result, they now bless only one bread for their celebration of the Lord's Supper, gluten free pita bread. However, that is not widely available across the country. Bread choices vary depending on where you live.

There are deep theological issues around the Body of Christ. How do you understand the representation of the unity of that body as seen in the bread on the Communion table? Can the Body of Christ be shared in two loaves? Is it a visible sign of an inward truth to show true diversity on the plate, or should the language of one loaf, one body be visibly enacted. These are questions for congregations to think about. They have significance to all our understandings of inclusion and hospitality. One may not be "more right" than another. But perhaps our choices should not be mindless. These are good conversations for us to have. They teach us to think about our faith and help us construct a shared vision of what we are about.



The Sunday Crier

August 5, 2018

Teacher Appreciation Sunday. All teachers – current and retired – are invited on Sunday, August 12, for a blessing at the 10:15 service. Fun and fellowship will follow in the narthex. Please give us this opportunity to celebrate the work that you do.

Toothpaste Collection. The Kansas City, KS Successful Beginnings Head Start needs your assistance. Brushing teeth is one of the many standards required by Head Start. The Board of Outreach has generously agreed for the fifth year to supply child-size toothbrushes for 500 students. We need **large tubes of toothpaste**. None with whitening added. The children like the kid flavored ones. We will collect them today and on August 12. You can also make a donation, with checks payable to Colonial with “toothpaste” in the memo line. Marylee Battaglia will deliver them to Head Start prior to their first day of school later in August.

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. Becoming involved with your church helps you connect with the many terrific members of this congregation!

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Mary Baumgart in loving memory of Norm Baumgart.

Fair Trade Coffee Change. Sale of the Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee offered for purchase by the Justice and Witness Committee has changed. Going forward, the coffee will be available only for special occasions later in the year.

Sermon and Worship Planning Poll. Plans are underway to craft our sermon and worship themes for the 2018-2019 program year. Is there a particular topic you would like to explore or experience? Let us know by taking the survey at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/3d9263>.

From Justice & Witness Committee: Why Voting in Primary Matters. General election voters might award the winner, but primary voters are the ones who set up the match. That's a decision that should be made by more than just 20 percent of registered voters. In the 2016 primary election just 20.2% of registered voters in Johnson County showed up at the polls. That's 78,653 votes cast out of a possible 388,808 votes. Contrast that with the general election when the turnout was 73.5%, 299,711 out of a possible 407,550 votes (data from the Johnson County Election Office). Those voters registered as unaffiliated CAN vote in the primary election by declaring a party on election day. They can change their registration back to unaffiliated after the election. Vote this Tuesday, August 7. PRIMARY VOTES MATTER. They determine who will be on the ballot in November.

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. Questions? Contact Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 31, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.

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 5

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room

MONDAY, August 6

9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, August 7

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, August 8

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

THURSDAY, August 9

12:00 pm Bible Study

3:00 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, August 12

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room

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

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