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Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.

-Pope Francis



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February 11, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Deliver Us From Evil” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *A Line from the Lord’s Prayer*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** = Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

In dir ist Freude

Beck

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: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*** Opening Hymn #436** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession based on Psalm 32

Prayer of Confession

People: **Holy One, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our emptiness, and you know our sin. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace based on Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad in the name of God and shout for joy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* 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 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

I Will Sing by Joel Raney

Joe Donley, bass

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

The Temptation of Jesus by Satan: Matthew 4:1-11

The Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, ‘People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.’”

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.’”

Jesus replied, “Again it’s written, ‘Don’t test the Lord your God.’”

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, “I’ll give you all these if you bow down and worship me.”

Jesus responded, “Go away, Satan, because it’s written, ‘You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

Ultimately What Matters is the Choice to Resist: 1 Peter 5:7-9

Throw all your anxiety onto God, because God cares about you. Be clear-headed. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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

Out of High Heaven Have I Come

Dupre

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

People: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love. 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 #476

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

* **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.

* **Benediction and Postlude**

Olympic Fanfare and Theme

Williams

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Diane Kuhn

Videographer: Geoff Robinson

Graphics Operator: Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation: Bob Starcke

Hospitality Table: Sally Huggins

Coffee and Conversation Host: Colonial Tween Squad

Head Usher: Harry Morrison

Ushers: Cindy Lafferty, Harry Morrison, Kendra Morrison, Mary Pelton

Stephen Ministry at Colonial Church

Help ✦ Hope ✦ Healing



What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

A Stephen Minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A lay person with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.

Stephen Ministers at Colonial Church

Bruce Edwards Brad Fairchild

Sally Huggins Mary Pelton

To request a match with a Stephen Minister, contact Margaret Boomer at 913-291-8029. Margaret is the program coordinator through Village Church.

Stephen Ministers care for people facing tough times

We all experience challenges in life when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a difficulty such as--

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Spiritual crisis
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- A terminal illness
- Incarceration
- Ageing
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
- A chronic illness
- Recovery after an accident or disaster
- Many other life challenges



The Sunday Crier

February 11, 2018

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the 40-day period of prayer leading to Easter. Colonial is observing Ash Wednesday, February 14. You have two opportunities for worship. All who choose to avail themselves of these opportunities are welcome to participate.

- Individually, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. with a drive-thru imposition of ashes. Pastor Aaron will be in the driveway in front of the church to place ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the faithful.
- Evening worship service, 6:30 p.m., sanctuary. Through four movements we will experience quiet meditation, written prayers, a practice of forgiveness, and the sharing of ashes. The service will last about 30 minutes and is open to all ages.

Valentine's Day Babysitting. Colonial youth are babysitting as a fundraiser on Valentine's Day, February 14 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the church so you can have adult time to celebrate the romantic occasion. To reserve your spot, email Youth Director Amy Congdon at amy.congdon@colonialucc.org. Please let us know the age and number of children, what time they will be there and whether they will bring food or need dinner provided. A simple dinner will be provided for those who request it. This a fundraiser for the youth to attend the Regional Youth Event at Grinnell College Iowa in June. Please donate the amount you feel is appropriate.

Colonial Friends To Church of the Resurrection. Colonial Friends will tour the new building and see the stained glass windows of the Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday, February 21. Meet in the Colonial parking lot at 10:15 and leave at 10:30. The tour should take about 45 minutes. The group will eat at a restaurant near the church after the tour. Please contact Joe Cunningham (runningrev2@aol.com or 913-341-6303) for reservations. We need to know how many are going by Monday, February 19.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by TERRY AND DIANE BROWN in celebration of their grandchildren.

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. Stop by the table in the narthex today.

Sunday Movie Night. Please join us on Sunday, February 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room as we gather to view "Bagdad Cafe." After breaking down in the middle of the California desert, a German couple begin to argue and Jasmin, the wife, walks. She ends up at a flea-bitten truck stop café that is the second home to a group of odd characters. With an ability to quietly empathize with everyone she meets, helped by a passion for cleaning and performing magic tricks, Jasmin gradually transforms the café and all the people in it. (Wikipedia/Rotten Tomatoes) Popcorn and soda will be served. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Three Daughters of Eve" by Elif Shafak.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, March 1, 6:00 p.m., Cacao on 95th St.

March Trivia Madness. Our annual Trivia Night this year falls between the Winter Olympics and the NCAA Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The theme is March Madness and teams are invited to dress in the apparel of their favorite college basketball teams and decorate their tables as they wish. Sign up your team as soon as possible on the poster in the narthex. If you don't have a team, we'll help you find a spot on a team. The cost is \$10 per person; limit of six people per team. You don't have to pay until that evening. Bring snacks to share with the whole group. Beverages will be provided. Beer and wine tickets are \$2.00. Child care will be provided at the church but please let us know how many children you are bringing.

New Monthly Centering Prayer. Colonial's centering prayer group is changing its schedule. We will now meet every second Sunday of the month from 9:30 till 10:00 in the preschool room downstairs. The remaining dates for 2018 are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you keep up a regular prayer practice and find common ground with folks who are on a similar spiritual path. No experience is necessary; all are welcome! For questions, contact Elizabeth Uppman at 913-231-0231 or eauppmann@gmail.com.

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 February 25. 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, February 11

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
 9:15—Board of Stewardship, Oberlin Room
 9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate, Narthex
 11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

TUESDAY, February 13

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, February 14

7:30-9:00 am—Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes, Front Drive
 9:30—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 9:30—Writers Group, Heritage Room
 5:00-9:00 pm—Youth Babysitting
 6:30 pm—Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

THURSDAY, February 15

12:00 pm—Bible Study
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, February 16

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, 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 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 10:15 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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