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A traitor is everyone who does not agree with me.
-Tyrant King George III



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February 25, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Who’s In, Who’s Out” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *The Uneasy Gospel*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Aberystwyth

Near

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.

Gathering Time

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

*** Opening Hymn #223**

What Wondrous Love Is This

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Enlightening Spirit, when we get discouraged in seeking your Truth in the midst of bewilderment,

People: Have mercy, and clear our eyes

Leader: Challenging Spirit, when witnessing to your Truth seems to take more courage than we have,

People: Have mercy, and strengthen our determination

Leader: Surprising Spirit, when we settle for half-truths in building your Beloved Community,

People: Have mercy, and show us a better way.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: We know the love of God knows no bounds, The Holy One who sent Jesus, the Only Begotten, to be our Way, our Truth and our Light. Let us feel ourselves forgiven, and go forth with courage renewed.

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

No Rose Bloomed in Gethsemane

Pamela Martin

Elizabeth Uppman, Flute

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

A Couple of Definitions to Help

Soteriology: theology of salvation

Synoptic: presenting or taking the same or common view

Soteriology from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

The Gospel of John - Saved from Death to Eternal Life

John 3:16-17 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever doesn't believe in the Son won't see life, but the angry judgment of God remains on them.

A Verse Sometimes Used to Attempt to Instill the Fear of God

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Concrete Image of a Big House in the Life to Come

John 14:1-4 "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

John 10:7-16 "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The

thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

Sing! Prayer and Praise (UCC)

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

Verse 1

God the still-point of the circle, ‘round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever; in God’s gracious arms. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we’ve ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain*

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.

Mission Moment

One Great Hour of Sharing

Cheri Van Orman

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: Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ 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

* Hymn #608

Christ Will Come Again

Recognizing Unsung Heroes

The Delivery Teams

* **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**

Aus tiefer Not

Drischner

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Ancel Neuburger

Videographer: Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator: Hayden Ferguson

Hospitality Table: Bill Sanderson

Children's Conversation: Bob Starcke

Head Usher: Harry Morrison

Coffee and Conversation Host: Cindy Lafferty

Ushers: Loren Griffith, Cindy Lafferty, Harry Morrison, Kendra Morrison

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

2018 Giving Calendar

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE!

The purpose of the OGHS calendar is to help us focus during the season of Lent on ways that God has blessed each of us, and to give thanks for those abundant blessings. The calendar highlights some of the challenging situations in the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. Your gift will be a blessing to others!

WEEK 2: Children

<p>Sunday <i>“Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” Luke 18:16</i> Share one unit for every child in your family and extended family.</p>	<p>Monday <i>Children remain the poorest age group in America. Some progress has been made in reducing poverty, but too many children are still hungry.</i> Give one unit for each meal you’ve eaten today</p>	<p>Tuesday <i>Children of a mother with 5 years of primary school education have a 40% higher survival rate than those from mothers with no education.</i> Give one unit for each female in your family who has at least a 5th grade education.</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>Nearly half of all deaths in children under 5 are from undernutrition. This means that about 3 million young lives are lost each year unnecessarily.</i> Give three units in honor of the children in your church.</p>	<p>Thursday <i>Over the last decade child mortality rates have improved. Rising prosperity, education and the spread of health care are key factors.</i> Give one unit for each job, degree and doctor associated with your household.</p>	<p>Friday <i>Children who have experienced a disaster in a year, are less likely to get vaccinated or to be on track with vaccines the following year.</i> Share a unit for each checkup you had in the last year.</p>
<p>Saturday <i>Girls are often excluded from educational systems, yet educating girls is the key to reaching many other development goals.</i> Share a unit for each female teacher you have/had.</p>		



The Sunday Crier

February 25, 2018

Lenten Sermon Series: The Uneasy Gospel. John – it's the only Biblical account of Jesus' life that isn't given a year in the lectionary cycle. John's perspective on Jesus is challenging and decidedly personal, and it can make us uncomfortable. During this season of Lent, we're going to delve into why this gospel has the power both to make us uneasy but also to offer hope to a divided world.

Who's In, Who's Out – Today

Water Into Wine – March 4

Woman at the Well – March 11

Lazarus: The First Resurrection – March 18

Palm/Passion Cantata Sunday – March 25

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 eauppman@gmail.com.

March Trivia Madness. Our annual Trivia Night is next 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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by HOPE AND WES COTTEN in honor of Bunnie Trickey Cotten's 57th birthday.

Colonial Women Helping at Home. Last month Colonial Women reported on the organizations that we reached out to help. This month we report on how we are helping here at home – our church. Again it is everyone’s participation at our annual rummage sale that allows us to do this. Thank you to the donors, workers and, of course, our buyers for without you this would not be possible. Two checks have been written: \$525 went to the Board of Property Management to assist with the cost of renewal of the ramp and adjoining hallway downstairs next to the adult restrooms (check it out!). \$574 went for the purchase of a new dishwasher in the Heritage Room kitchen which included installation and haul away of the old equipment.

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.

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. The next opportunity is March 11.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, March 1, 6:00 p.m., Cacao on 95th St.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff’s home.

Colonial’s Inclement Weather Policy. The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

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 different local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. 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, February 25

8:30 am—Worship
 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
 2:00 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall
 5:00—Movie Night, Heritage Room

MONDAY, February 26

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, February 27

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, February 28

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

THURSDAY, March 1

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room
 12:00 pm—Bible Study
 3:30 pm—Justice & Witness Committee, Library
 6:00 pm—Alden Guild, Cacao's
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, March 2

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall
 7:00 pm—Colonial Women Book Discussion, Stacey Algren's Home

SATURDAY, March 3

6:00 pm—Trivia Night 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, 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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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