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White lies always introduce others of a darker complexion.

-William S. Paley



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January 14, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Deal About Lies” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Ethics for Today*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Walther

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: It is good.

People: It is good to be.

Leader: It is good to be here.

People: It is good to be here together.

* **Opening Hymn #588** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In 1963, in his challenging letter to complacent white clergy in the South, Dr. King wrote, “We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

People: O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.

Leader: President John F. Kennedy in an address that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 said, “The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated.”

People: O God, we pray, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.

Leader: Rosa Parks said, “You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

People: O God, we pray, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.

Leader: Ann Braden, a white Southern activist and ally of the Civil Rights movement wrote, “In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed.

People: O God, we pray, help us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll down like water, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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**

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.

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 in Music

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Helvering

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

The David/Bathsheba Affair – 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

“I don’t do what I want to do.” – Romans 17:14-15

We know that the Law is spiritual, but I’m made of flesh and blood, and I’m sold as a slave to sin. I don’t know what I’m doing, because I don’t do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate.

Grace in a Grey World – Matthew 7:1-5

[Jesus said,] “Don’t judge, so that you won’t be judged. You’ll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. Why do you see the splinter that’s in your brother’s or sister’s eye, but don’t notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, ‘Let me take the splinter out of your eye,’ when there’s a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you’ll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother’s or sister’s eye.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #547

Amazing Grace

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

In Thee is Joy

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

O God, we commit to use all our gifts -- wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances -- in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for “peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.” Bless these gifts, O God. 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 #593 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, verses 1 and 2

* Renewing Our Covenant

You are invited to turn towards the center aisle as 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** **God Be With You #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** *Dejlig er den Himmel blaa* Wold

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Julie Burik
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Sally Huggins
Head Usher:	Allan Flentie
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Allan Flentie, Cindy Lafferty, Bill Yohn
Coffee and Conversation Hosts:	Jerry and Joan Gilson



The Sunday Crier

January 14, 2018

Sunday Night at the Movies Tonight

Colonial's Sunday Night at the Movies series will present *A Painted House* on Sunday, January 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. The movie is based on John Grisham's best-selling novel that he has called his favorite "because there's not a single lawyer – dead or alive – in the whole book." The film – a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation that draws on incidents from Grisham's own youth – stars Scott Glenn, Robert Sean Leonard and Logan Lerman. It is the moving story of a young boy's journey from innocence to the edge of adulthood. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. You are invited to bring a snack to share.

All Church Game Night!

Mark your calendars for an all-church game night next Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. What's your favorite board game? Do you have a game you'd like to play? All ages will enjoy this evening to learn new games and play old favorites. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers by reservation to heather.winker@colonialucc.org. Bring a snack to share.

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. Sign up as soon as possible in the narthex. Teams will be comprised of six people. If you don't have a team, we'll help you find a spot on a team. The cost is \$60 per team and you can pay 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 BROOK CARSON in honor of her mother's 60th birthday.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting to present and approve the 2018 budget and for approval of the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to replace and upgrade the social hall sound system will be on Sunday, February 4 after the 10:15 a.m. service. The budget will also be presented following the 8:30 a.m. service.

January Sermon Series: *Ethics for Today*

We're going to begin the New Year inspired by ethics from the moral heart of Jesus' teaching. We are facing complex ethical issues ranging from our relationships to health care, and perhaps God's Spirit has more light to share.

The Deal about Lies – January 14

Putting Price Tags on Life – January 21

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 January 28. 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, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Colonial Women – January 2018 Outreach Report

The following organizations, groups or funds were the recipients of Outreach Donations from Colonial Women this month. This money was generated from our Rummage Sale 2017 proceeds and were received due to the purchases of members and outside people. Colonial Church (Cross-Lines Christmas Store) \$3000, Colonial Church (Minister's Discretionary Fund) \$400, Colonial Church (Quiltmakers) \$200, Steppingstone \$500, Sheffield Place \$400, Growing Futures \$500, Hearts to Hands \$300.00. Totaling: \$5,300 of outreach. Thank you to all who made purchases at our sale for without you this would not be possible.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, February 1, 6:00 p.m., Tavern in the Village.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

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 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.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, January 14

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge 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, Narthex

TUESDAY, January 16

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, January 17

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

THURSDAY, January 18

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

FRIDAY, January 19

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, January 21

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
 11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall
 5:30 pm—Sunday Night Movie, 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 online. 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 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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