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I don't think God cares a whole lot about the outcome. He cares about the people involved. **-Aaron Rodgers**



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January 19, 2020
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Sometimes You Just Need to Have a Party” Worship Service
in the series *Experiencing Gratitude*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Deo gracias

Gabrielson

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to offer in our community’s prayer ministry this coming week. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

Call to Worship

“Let’s Go to Kansas City”

Jim Cosgrove

*** Sung Response**

Hymn #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 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 in Music

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Douglas Helvering

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Song of Celebration – Exodus 15:20-21

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang the refrain back to them:

Sing to the LORD,

for an overflowing victory!

Horse and rider God threw into the sea!

*** Hymn #2**

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

Hope Endures – Romans 5:5

Hope doesn’t put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

David W. Moore
Mary Burnett, Clarinet

* Doxology

“As with Gladness Those of Old”

Hymn #159 verse 3

*As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.*

* Blessing the Offering

Leader: I dwell upon
The goodness in my life.

People: Thank you.

Leader: I cherish in my heart
Your gift to me.

People: Thank you.

Leader: I notice the blessings
Of life, breath, loving and sharing.
I am so grateful.

People: Thank you, Lord.

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 creates 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 on bulletin page 7

"Brightest and Best"

* **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**

Hymn #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***Star in the East*

Kern

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Diane Kuhn
Videographer:	Ryan Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Sharon Yohn
Head Usher:	Allan Flentie
Ushers:	Randy & Sue Freeman
Fellowship Host:	Cindy Lafferty

Brightest and Best



1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 O - dors of E - dom, and of - f'ring di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 Dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the pray'rs of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our



dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -



ri - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.
 Tune: STAR IN THE EAST, 11 10 11 10 with refrain, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Marty Haugen, b 1950, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

All That We Are: A UCC Mission Moment

John 1:29-42 *Ecumenical Sunday*



This is the symbol of the United Church of Christ. More than a logo, our symbol imparts the meaning not only of all that we are in the present day as a denomination, but all that we yearn to be in the future.

At the top of the symbol is a crown. By the use of the crown, we remind ourselves that Christ is the ruler, the head of all, greater than any earthly power or authority.

Below the crown is a cross. The cross reminds us of Christ's suffering in solidarity with the pain of victims of violence in all times and places. For many, the cross is a reminder of the redemptive power of life over death, and salvation over the powers of evil.

Below the cross is an orb divided into three parts, reminding us of Jesus' command to go out into the world in all directions, witnessing to his life-giving power.

Encircling these symbols are the words "That They May All Be One." (John 17:21). The words remind us of our history as a union of different Christian traditions. And it calls us to activism in the present. In the UCC, it is our calling to engage in ecumenical relationships that seek to heal the broken unity of the Body of Christ. And the words also call us to the future, to the time envisioned by Christ when "all may be one."

"Ecumenical relations help us to learn from the spiritual traditions of other churches. They help us to serve the world more effectively in God's name. They remind us that while we are proud of the diversity of the Protestant traditions that have joined in our united church, there is an even greater diversity in the Body of Christ that can make us whole."*

Prayer for Ecumenical Sunday

Christ – Remind us again and again that we who share your name share a oneness that goes beyond doctrine or creed. Give us wisdom, courage and curiosity to move into the world, ready to witness to the miracle of your work in our lives, even as we learn from our brothers and sisters in faith. In your name we pray, Amen.



The Sunday Crier

January 19, 2020

Immigration 101 – Tamales for Mind and Body. Jesus was a migrant. And so were Moses and Ruth. The Bible is full of migrants' stories: those seeking safety and stability, those fleeing violence, poverty, and hardship. Today newspapers are full of stories about the challenges and often injustices immigrants to the United States experience.

The Board of Outreach views these local immigrants as neighbors in need of help. First, understand their multiple daily challenges. Next, learn how Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) is assisting. Finally, explore ways we as a church and as individuals can respond to our new neighbors. Come to a tamale lunch in the Social Hall on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. to hear a presentation from AIRR about the reality of immigration laws and testimonies from immigrants. RSVP to Heather at heather.winker@colonialucc.org or 913-362-7735.

Collecting Coats for Sheffield Place. We have a box in the narthex for donations of winter coats – any size, any gender – which we will donate to Sheffield Place. Colonial's Molly's Table program supports Sheffield Place, which has assisted more than 1,200 women and their children in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Congregational Meeting on February 2. We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 2, following the 8:30 service and then continuing after the 10:15 service to consider and vote on the proposed church budget for 2020.

All-Church Game Night. Mark your calendars for an all-church game night on Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 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 info@colonialucc.org by January 22. Bring a snack to share.

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Mary Burnett and Ken Werne in honor of loved ones.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate for Sale. The Board of Outreach is selling fair trade coffee and chocolate on the third Sunday of each month beginning in February in the narthex. It's at the price Equal Exchange charges us because we believe offering fair trade products brings justice to those farmers who are trying to support their families with a sustainable income. This supports coffee and cacao bean farmers because our purchases ensure they are guaranteed a fair price for their crops. If you would like to purchase at another time, contact the church office or Diane Kuhn.



Trivia Night. Our annual Trivia Night will be held on leap day, Saturday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. That is close enough to March that the theme once again will be March Madness. Teams are encouraged to dress in the apparel of their favorite college basketball teams and decorate their tables as they wish. Sign up your team online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-trivia20>. If you don't have a team, we will help you find a spot. Cost is \$10 per person. Teams are limited to six persons to maintain an even playing field. 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 available for infants and toddlers by reservation to info@colonialucc.org by January 26.

Colonial Women Activities. All women of Colonial Church are invited to gather with others in casual fellowship opportunities, whether you prefer breakfast, happy hour or discussing a book. Check out the options below. No reservations required.

- **Lunch Out.** Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 a.m., Tatsu's French Restaurant. RSVP to Kathi Cook (913-236-8292).
- **Book Group** – Friday, January 24, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert.
- **Coffee/Breakfast.** Monday, February 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Dinner Group.** Thursday, February 6, 6:00 p.m., Thai Place in Louisburg Square. RSVP to Jayne Quimby.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless in 2020. We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh20>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by about 4:00 p.m.

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.

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check to Colonial for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, January 19

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:30 Centering Prayer, Salem Room

10:15 Worship

10:15 Youth, Youth Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

TUESDAY, January 21

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, January 22

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

11:30 Colonial Women Lunch Out, Tatsu's

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, January 23

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room

10:00 am Rummage Sale Meeting, Heritage Room

10:30 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, January 24

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

SATURDAY, January 25

6:00 pm Game 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 or concerns, call our church office at 913-362-7735.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

Tween Squad—The Colonial Tween Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room for all students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Youth—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th-12th grade students. The group meets every other Sunday beginning in the youth room (Savoy) during the worship service at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service activities are planned throughout the year. Friends are welcome anytime, to class meetings or our outside activities.

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 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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