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**Now in business we do a cost benefit analysis
before we make policy changes. Washington
should as well.**

-Rep. Vicky Hartzler



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January 21, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Putting Price Tags on Life” 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

Here I Am, Lord

Farlee

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 #170 *Your Ways Are Not Our Own***

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: We confess to you, Gracious God, that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift; an inconvenience, not a blessing. Rather than seeing your love revealed, we feel our own guilt magnified. Instead of rejoicing in your good news, we focus on our own shortcomings. Turn us around, Redeemer, and do not let our fears have dominion over us. Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: In spite of our individual inadequacies, God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is indispensable.

People: God remembers us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ. We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own.

* 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

God is our Refuge and Strength

Pote

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Mission Statement of Our Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India

The whole community of Christian Hospital Mungeli is committed to providing holistic healthcare through excellent services, quality care and respectful treatment in which the spirituality of each person is honored. No patient will be refused. All patients will be treated regardless of what religion they belong to, and the hospital will always strive to provide the best of services at the least minimal cost, always being aware to serve the marginalized and needy.

Jesus' Cost-Benefit Analysis: Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over

ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

“Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”

In God’s Wisdom Everyone Matters: 1 Corinthians 1:25-28

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Look at your situation when you were called, brothers and sisters! By ordinary human standards not many were wise, not many were powerful, not many were from the upper class. But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise. God chose what the world considers weak to shame the strong. And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #403

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

Give Praise to Christ Jesus

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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: **Bless, O Lord, these gifts and offerings, that they may be a sign of our intent to serve you. Use them and us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and bring wholeness and healing to all who are hurting and oppressed. 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 #435 *Each Winter As the Year Grows Older*

* **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 #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**

Lac qui Parle

Diemer

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Brook Carson
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Allan Flentie
Ushers:	Allan Flentie, Randy Freeman Sue Freeman, Mary Pelton
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Martha Wofford

United Church of Christ :: Mission Moment
Follow Me

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Once, in a classified ad for cashiers and store personnel for a food co-op in northern California, the help wanted blurb read: “Wanted, people with a sense of urgency.” Obviously, those words have a backstory we can only imagine. We can see a stereotype of a young clerk who is amiable but takes their time; a worker born in the era of “whatever,” and another one who may take too long cleaning up aisle 7 after a “mishap.” That same call for those with a sense of urgency imbues Mark’s Gospel. John the Baptist is arrested, and Jesus goes on a tear into the Galilean countryside preaching repentance and the Realm of God. He calls disciples who drop everything, leave everything. They don’t look back and head out on the road into the dusty first century. So, the Gospel begins with the same classified ad: “Wanted, people with a sense of urgency.”

What is urgent now? What does that mean for human beings today? What might make you leave everything and head into the unknown? A resolution passed at General Synod 2017 may have an answer for us. It is also a resolution that calls us to express this urgency around one of the great loves of our churches—the love of creation.

The resolution is a clarion call to clergy and laypeople in all our churches to preach and raise awareness about our moral obligation to actively press those in power to do something toward saving our environment. On July 3, 2017, the resolution, "The Earth is the Lord's—Not Ours to Wreck," passed with more than 97% of delegates voting “yes.”

It is a resolution that mainly asks all of us to educate ourselves about the science of climate change, recognizing that it is our moral obligation to protect this world given to us by the one to whom it truly belongs. Its urgency is clear in the science that points us to a future world without the natural resources to sustain life. Its urgency is laid bare in the predictions of sea rise and climate change and temperatures rising. Its urgency could not have been felt more clearly in the words of those at General Synod spoken to all of us to act immediately. “Wanted,” says those voices raised in love of creation, “Wanted. People with a sense of urgency.” What will you do this week to speak your love for creation?



The Sunday Crier

January 21, 2018

Sunday Night at the Movies Tonight

Colonial's Sunday Night at the Movies series will present *A Painted House* tonight 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 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 and we ask that you limit the size of your team to no more than 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 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 MARY BURNETT AND KEN WERNE in honor of their family.

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.

Giving Statements. The Giving Statements for 2017 have been mailed. If you gave and/or pledged for 2017 and did not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office.

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.

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.

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. Be a part!

Be a Host for Coffee and Conversation on Sunday. Fellowship time after the 10:15 a.m. service provides an opportunity to catch up with one another and welcome visitors. But we need you to host a Sunday. You just provide cookies and coffee. We need volunteers to keep this tradition going. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up as Coffee and Conversation Host online at <https://tinyurl.com/worship-2018> or contact Heather in the church office.

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.
 - **Book Group.** Friday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Three Daughters of Eve" by Elif Shafak.
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The Week Ahead

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, January 22

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, January 23

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, January 24

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

THURSDAY, January 25

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room
 12:00 pm—Bible Study
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SATURDAY, January 27

6:30 pm—Game Night, Social Hall

SUNDAY, January 28

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

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

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