



*(Suffer the little children used with permission by Sarah Altendorf.)*

**Live your life as though your every act were to  
become a universal law. -Immanuel Kant**



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January 7, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“Motives Matter” 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**

*Es is ein Ros*

-Leavitt

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

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.**

**We Gather at the Table**

Communion Prayer

Leader: God, you are with us.

**People: You are always with us.**

Leader: May we open our hearts.

**People: May we know your presence...**

Leader: ...in thanksgiving...

**People: ...and in deepest honor and reverence.**

Leader: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church throughout the ages, we bring ourselves: all that we are, and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

Sung Response — *Sanctus* #793

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

### Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Pastor: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie.

**People: We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence and meaning for all of life.**

Pastor: Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death and resurrection reveal the true nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, took a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(As our choir sings *Come to the Table of the Lord* by Liebergen, come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row.)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our lives be sustained and inspired by your love. May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

\* **Sharing God's Welcome** (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 to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

*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 Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### Moral Value – All People Have Inherent Dignity

**Mark 10:13-16** People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

#### The Image of God in Our Ability to Decide - to Reason Freely

**Psalms 8:3-5** When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—  
 the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—  
 what are human beings that you think about them;  
 what are human beings that you pay attention to them?  
 You've made them only slightly less than divine,  
 crowning them with glory and grandeur.

#### Jesus' Way: Motives Matter

**Luke 6:43-45** "A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit. People don't gather figs from thorny plants, nor do they pick grapes from prickly bushes. A good person produces good from the good treasury of the inner self, while an evil person produces evil from the evil treasury of the inner self."

**Matthew 5:27-28** "You have heard that it was said, 'Don't commit adultery.' But I say to you that every man who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart."

## **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #584

*I Am the Light of the World*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*The Old Year is Passed Away*

-Dupre

(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon to help fill local pantries.)

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

-by Rev. Rosemary McCombs

**Faithful God,**

**Bless us in our baptismal calling**

**to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others.**

**We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used**

**not for conquest and dominance,**

**but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people**

**who pray for our liberation as well as their own.**

**Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.**

### **A Time of Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or 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 whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These 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 #164

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

\* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our 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**

*Noël nouvelet*

-Hudson

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Coffee and Conversation Hosts:	Jim and Kathi Cook

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - Sunday, January 7, 2018  
 The Baptism of Christ - Mark 1:4-11 - Defining Moments

After John Dorhauer became UCC General Minister and President he went on a journey to listen to the people of this denomination. He and the Board of Directors of the UCC were looking for a way to broadly name our core values.

*"We were hoping to find a phrase that would pop, that really captured our essence," Dorhauer said. "When we asked you what you would see if we were successful at our mission, these words appeared: 'A **just world for all.**' The second I saw those words in print, my heart leapt. This vision calls upon all of us — no matter what our political or theological commitments are; no matter whether we identify as an urban, rural or town setting; no matter whether we are a large, small, pastor-sized or family-sized congregation; whether we are a CHHSM [Council for Health and Human Service Ministries] agency or a conference board of directors — all of us covenantally bear now the same responsibility. We must faithfully answer the question: how do we embody or incarnate a commitment to build **a just world for all?**"*

In the Gospel of Mark the story of Jesus does not begin in the Temple or the stable, it begins at the Jordan with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. Jesus, newly baptized and blessed by God, moves out from this moment into his world, calling disciples and bringing the good news that God is announcing a new world—a just world.

How, then, do we as members of local churches and disciples of that same Jesus embody that commitment to **A Just World For All**? What Reverend Dorhauer found on his trip crisscrossing this country was that local churches were already doing this. We were embodying that mission every day through our love of children, our love of neighbor and our love of this creation. What's different is not that we will all line up to do something but that our denominational infrastructure will become our megaphone, our social media platform, and our storyteller about what it is we do to further this **just world for all**.

Think about your church and how you express your love for this world. Tell that story so that we all know what we're doing and how much we mean to our communities and one another. The world is cracked and broken but we are purveyors of hope and how—the-world—might—look one day. This is our call to imagine together what the things we do mean for the all of us. This is our defining moment as the church of Jesus Christ.



# *The Sunday Crier*

January 7, 2018

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## **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.

Motives Matter – January 7

The Deal about Lies – January 14

Putting Price Tags on Life – January 21

## **Sunday Night at the Movies**

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.

## **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.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by MARTHA WOFFORD in loving memory of Loran Freeman.

### **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 the 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**

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit. Note date change!
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, January 12, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

### **Participate in Bible Study**

Our Bible Study is online. To participate, each Thursday at noon either go to <https://zoom.us/j/684548229> on your computer or call in at 646-558-8656 with meeting ID 684-548-229.

### **Switch Your Subscription to E-Crier**

As one of your New Year's resolutions, consider going paperless with your Crier. The e-Crier has the same content and saves the church \$26 in postage over the course of the year. Contact Heather in the church office to confirm.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, January 7**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room  
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

### **MONDAY, January 8**

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

### **TUESDAY, January 9**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room  
 11:00 am—Rummage Sale Meeting, Social Hall  
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

### **WEDNESDAY, January 10**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 11**

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

### **SUNDAY, 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

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://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 10:15am worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

**[www.colonialucc.org](http://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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