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I've learned that even the word 'jubilee' can give rise to discussions. - German Chancellor Angela Merkel



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July 1, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Liberty Bell Inscription” Sunday Worship Service in the series *Then and Now*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Dove of Peace

Cherwien

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.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Opening Hymn #575**

“O for a World”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, you called all that is into being and offered humanity life in all its fullness. Yet we have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become distant from you and our neighbor.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: At times we have failed to speak out for justice, leaving the voiceless without an advocate.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: To all who fall short of God’s glory you offer pardon and peace.

People: Lord have mercy.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: God is just and forgiving. God receives us as we are, lifts us up and calls us again to be people upholding justice and peace.

People: **We receive God's pardon and peace, knowing that all sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* Sung Response Gloria #759 adapted
Glorify 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 Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

The Passage that Inspired the Inscription on the Liberty Bell - Leviticus 25:10-13

You will make the fiftieth year holy, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a Jubilee year for you: each of you must return to your family property and to your extended family. The fiftieth year will be a Jubilee year for you. Do not plant, do not harvest the secondary growth, and do not gather from the freely growing vines because it is a Jubilee: it will be holy to you. You can eat only the produce directly out of the field. Each of you must return to your family property in this year of Jubilee.

The Morality Behind the Command for the Year of Jubilee - Leviticus 25:23

The land must not be permanently sold because the land is [God's]. You are just immigrants and foreign guests.

Who Will Stand in the Gap? - Ezekiel 22:28-31

This is what the LORD God says, “The important people of the land have practiced extortion and have committed robbery. They’ve oppressed the poor and mistreated the immigrant. They’ve oppressed and denied justice. I looked for anyone to repair the wall and stand in the gap for me on behalf of the land, so I wouldn’t have to destroy it. But I couldn’t find anyone. So I’ve poured out my anger on them. With my furious fire I’ve finished them off. I’ve held them accountable. This is what the LORD God proclaims.

Possible Ways to Stand in the Gap in the Now

- \$15/hour (c. \$30,000/year) as a Living Wage for Working Families
- Buy Fair Trade for workers everywhere to earn a Living Wage
- Support Small Businesses that Create Most Jobs

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Leader: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

The prayer continues...

Leader: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.

Communion Music

“Hallelujah”

by Leonard Cohen

Performed by K.D. Lang

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: **We give thanks, almighty God, that you have fed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen.**

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

Abide With Us, O Lord Jesus Christ

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***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: Generous God, in grace you freely give, and in love you joyfully call us to imitate you. Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long and offer a faithful response to the loving care that you have first given to us. 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

"What Does Our God Require of Us"

Part 1: Low voices

“What does our God require of us? What does our God require of us?”

Part 2: Middle voices

“Justice, kindness, walk humbly with our God.

Part 3: High voices

“To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.”

Capo 3

3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,

2 Jus - - tice, kind - - ness,

1 What does our God re - quire of us?

3 and walk hum - bly with our God. God.

2 walk hum - bly with our God. God.

1 What does our God re - quire of us? us? us?

Chord symbols: G Bb, D F, Em Gm, Bm Dm, C Eb, G Bb, Am7 Cm7, D F, G Bb.

Repeat ad lib. Last time

*** 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 till we meet again.

O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

*** Benediction and Postlude** *Fanfare for the Common Man*

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Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Cheri Van Orman
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Aaron Roberts
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Bob LeVeau
Ushers:	Cindy Lafferty, Bob LeVeau Linda Moses, Ancel Neuburger
Lemonade and Conversation Host:	Diane Kuhn



The Sunday Crier

July 1, 2018

Register Now for VBS! Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>.

Colonial Family Getaway. Whether for one day or for the entire gathering, join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas. It's all happening Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. You can come down for the activities on Saturday and return home or join us on Sunday morning. Whatever best fits your schedule. You can camp in a tent or bring your RV. The park is just over an hour from Colonial. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming. Questions? Contact Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.



Serving the Homeless. Mill Creek Park was a busy place on June 24. While a large group of people protested immigration policies, Colonial members dished up their regular 4th Sunday dinner for about 75 homeless people. Interested in sharing a couple hours of your fourth Sunday afternoon? Sign up to cook or serve at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-signup>. The next opportunity is July 22.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Angie Lanigan in loving memory of Homer Almeling.

Sermon and Worship Planning Poll. Plans are underway to craft our sermon and worship themes for the 2018-2019 program year. Is there a particular topic you would like to explore or experience? Let us know by taking the survey at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/3d9263>. Please note that our Justice & Witness Committee will be conducting a survey of important social issues in the next few weeks. The results of that survey will be used in planning worship series in addition to the ideas you share through this survey.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Summer Music Survey. Do you have a favorite song that informs your faith? Do you have a musical piece that you'd like to share vocally or instrumentally? Is there a music video that challenges your ideas of what it means to be church? Over the summer months, you are invited to recommend or provide music to share with the congregation during the offering. At the link below, you can list a song, a video, or sign-up to sing or play an instrument. We need your gifts of music to broaden our experience and witness of faith! Contact Nikki Woolsey for additional information. Visit survey at: <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/481747>

Colonial Friends Bus Trip to Jamesport on September 5. Spend the day with the Amish and experience the old ways of life in the Amish Colony. See candle making, shopping in the Amish stores, an Amish style family dinner at the Gingerich Dutch Pantry Restaurant and a visit to the Countryside Bakery. Some of the shops accept cash only. This bus trip is provided by the Lenexa Senior Center and will leave from there. Cost is \$71, which includes lunch. The trip will be from approx 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To register for the trip call the center at 913-477-7100. The cut off for registration is when the bus is full or Aug 1. If you have any questions call the center or Bill Yohn 913-339-9862.

Colonial Community Billboard. We are creating a private social network for the Colonial Church community as an easy way for you to communicate with members of our church community. This is free for your use. It is a monitored message board so that only appropriate information is posted. It is not intended for commercial purposes, so please do not advertise your business through posts here. Only members of the email group will be able to view content. Go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/colonial-community>

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 local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when

Temple Sinai members add their contributions. 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, July 1

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

MONDAY, July 2

Office Closed
 9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit
 2:00 pm Carol Kromnacker Memorial Service, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, July 3

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins
 9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, July 4

Office Closed

THURSDAY, July 5

3:30 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, July 6

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, July 8

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
 9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
 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.

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 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 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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