



**“It's a beautiful day in
this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a
neighbor,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?”**

-- Fred Rogers

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913-362-7735

July 22, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Finding My Neighbor” Sunday Worship Service

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Give me Jesus

Billingham

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 #73**

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Mission Moment

Christmas in July

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Again and again, you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

People: **God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.**

Leader: Again and again, you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

People: God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.

Leader: Again and again, you urge us to seek you first. We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Yet we fear that our “land of milk and honey” has become a land of moral famine and economic hardship, and we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.

Leader: Again and again, you urge us not to lean on our own understanding, but in all our ways to acknowledge you, and yet...

People: we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.

Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds in these days, at times we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice.

People: Again, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Hear the word of God for this season and all seasons: “Do not be afraid! I will never leave you or forsake you.” Know that our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it.

People: As we open ourselves to the Spirit of God, may we see more fully the wonder of God already at work in us. Amen.

* 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 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

Rev. Nikki Woolsey

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn #388**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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

“Johnny Costa Plays ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Doxology

#778; tune Old Hundredth

***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: We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives. Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and commitment. 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 #495** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

* **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**

Nicaea

Post

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Bekki Walsh
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children’s Conversation:	Bob Starcke
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Bob LeVeau
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Randy Freeman Sue Freeman, Bob LeVeau



The Sunday Crier

July 22, 2018

Christmas in July! As you leave the sanctuary today you will be greeted heartedly by a special friend. You may note that he seems overdressed for the Kansas summer, but do not pass him by because he will have a small gift with a special message for you. He will appreciate your Yuletide greeting. Please write a check to Colonial with Christmas Store in the memo line to support our Cross-Lines Christmas Store outreach.

Teacher Appreciation. All teachers – current and retired – are invited on Sunday, August 12, for a blessing at the 10:15 service. Fun and fellowship will follow in the narthex. Please give us this opportunity to celebrate the work that you do.

Colonial Tuesday Book Group. This Tuesday, the Tuesday Book Group will begin discussion of the Reverend Erin Wathan's latest book, Faith and the Fight for Equality, another timely topic. Erin, a well-known local writer, is the pastor of St. Andrew's Christian Church in Olathe. Her book's wit and insight into the human predicament are a welcome take on the world and its dilemmas. Please join us to listen, learn, talk and grow in understanding about current important issues in our community. We can promise that you will enjoy the conversation and the chance to meet new friends and renew long-standing friendships. And sometimes there are cookies!

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>.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Sally Huggins and Cindy Lafferty in loving memory of their parents, Ray and Mary Grace Morgan.

Giving Statements. The Giving Statements for the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 have been mailed. If you gave during that period and did not receive a statement or you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office.

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.

Board of Worship Help Needed. As we gear up for our fall worship schedule, the Board of Worship is looking for volunteers to add to the rotations for the following committees: head ushers and ushers, liturgists, children's conversation, pew patrol, and communion set-up. If you want more information about what is involved, or you're ready to volunteer, please email Charlotte Drayer at charlotte.drayer@gmail.com. Becoming involved with your church helps you connect with the many terrific members of this congregation!

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. at Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss *Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "Yes" to Living* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 14, 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>

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 22

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Lemonade and Fellowship, Heritage Room
 2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

TUESDAY, July 24

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, July 25

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

THURSDAY, July 26

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, July 29

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
 11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin 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 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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