



Homelessness used with permission by Danny.

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own households to remedy this kind of poverty.

-Mother Teresa



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913-362-7735

July 29, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Homelessness” 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

Prelude

Vierne

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 #394** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Mission Moment

Christmas in July

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we forget the fast you desire—to do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: When we forget the prayer you love—to show compassion, and care for those in need:

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: When we forget the rituals you require—to create relationships of righteousness and peace:

People: Lord have mercy.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations.

People: We are set free and made new. 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 Sacrifice that God Wants - Isaiah 58:6-8

Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?

Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family? Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly.

Ancient Answer to Homelessness: Selling Yourself - Leviticus 25:39-43

If one of your fellow Israelites faces financial difficulty with you and sells themselves to you, you must not make him work as a slave. Instead, they will be like a hired laborer or foreign guest to you. They will work for you until the Jubilee year, at which point the poor Israelite along with their children will be released from you. They can return to their extended family and to their family property. You must do this because these people are my servants—I brought them out of Egypt's land. They must not be sold as slaves. You will not harshly rule over them but must fear your God.

Fellow Citizens in God's Household - Ephesians 2:19-22

So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn

“Dream God’s Dream”

*Written as a theme song for the Illinois South Conference Senior High Youth
Retreat on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Holiday weekend, 1992*

**Words and Music by:
Bryan Sirchio**

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D Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 GaddD

Em7

Chorus: Dream God's Dream! — Ho-ly

D/F#

G

B m7

F#m7

7

Spir - it — help us dream of a world where — there is jus - tice — and where

G

Em7

A

A/G

D/F#

G

B m7

A

11

ev - ry one is free to build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -

G

D/F#

Em7

Asus

A7

D

Cadd2

GaddD

D

16

nough the world will change, when we dream God's Dream.

22 Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 G D

1.I'm dream-ing of a world, where the col - or of one's skin will mean
 2.I'm dream-ing of the call God is of - fer ing to me how to
 3.I'm dream-ing of the way that I want my life to go. I've got

27 Cadd2 Em7 D Cadd2 GaddD D

less than what's with - in the per - son's heart. A world where wa - ter's
 use my en - er - gy and my best gifts; to do the work of
 hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet. I'm reach - ing for the

32 Cadd2 G D Em7

clean and where air is safe to breathe. And ev' - ry chi - ld
 Christ to say God please use my life to spread Your heal - ing
 stars, but I won't for - get the scars of Christ who died to

36 D/F# Em7 G Asus D Cadd2 GaddD D Cadd2 GaddD D

D.S. al Coda

born has e - nough to eat... dream.
 love and to live Your Truth...
 show that the Dream's for all...

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 “As We Gather at Your Table” performed by Mary Burnett, clarinet

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: O God, take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.



The Sunday Crier

July 29, 2018

Christmas in July! Since all holidays pass, our Christmas in July will now go into history. To ensure that the ending will be sweet, step into the Heritage Room for a special reminder of this special season of the year—no matter how often we celebrate the custom of giving. Please write a check to Colonial with Christmas Store in the memo line to support on 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.

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>.

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 supply check, 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!

Fair Trade Coffee Change. Sale of the Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee offered for purchase by the Justice and Witness Committee has changed. Going forward, the coffee will be available only for special occasions later in the year.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Lin Vaughn in loving memory John Vaughn.

From Justice & Witness Committee: Why Voting in Primary Matters. General election voters might award the winner, but primary voters are the ones who set up the match. That's a decision that should be made by more than just 20 percent of registered voters. In the 2016 primary election just 20.2% of registered voters in Johnson County showed up at the polls. That's 78,653 votes cast out of a possible 388,808 votes. Contrast that with the general election when the turnout was 73.5%, 299,711 out of a possible 407,550 votes (data from the Johnson County Election Office). Those voters registered as unaffiliated CAN vote in the primary election by declaring a party on election day. They can change their registration back to unaffiliated after the election. PRIMARY VOTES MATTER. They determine who will be on the ballot in November.

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.

Colonial Women Activities

- **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.

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 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

TUESDAY, July 31

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, August 1

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

THURSDAY, August 2

12:00 pm Bible Study

3:00 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, August 3

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, August 5

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

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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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