



*Masai Warriors used with permission by Mariusz Kucharczyk.*

**“Kasserian Ingera” is the traditional greeting of the mighty Masai warriors. It translates to: “How are the children?”**



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July 8, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“How Are the Children?” 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**

*Wareham*

Diemer

**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 #70**

“God Is Here!”

**Mission Moment**

Christmas in July

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

**People:** Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing.

**People:** God is eager to show us the path home. We accept with joy the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ. 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 Last Words of Israel's Sick Story - Judges 21:25**

In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

#### **A Change in Government - 1 Samuel 8:4-9**

So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the LORD.

The LORD answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. So comply with their request..."

#### **But.... - 1 Samuel 8:9-22**

"Give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them."

Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king. "This is how the king will rule over you," Samuel said: "He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! When that day comes, you will cry out

because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won't answer you."

But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles."

Samuel listened to everything the people said and repeated it directly to the LORD. Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Comply with their request. Give them a king."

### **Do Not Hinder the Children - Matthew 19:13-15**

People brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Then he place his hands on them.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

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

\* **Hymn #539**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

### **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

"Love Is Bigger Than Anything" by U2  
Recommended by Dan Lu

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:** **Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. 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.**



## **Sent with Power: A UCC Mission Moment**

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus goes home. Nazareth is where he grew up. One might take for granted that they would welcome him with open arms but they don't. The hometown boy doesn't get a brass band. Indeed, they hardly know him.

Our churches are often like that. Sometimes we don't get recognized in our communities. Perhaps our neighbors take us for granted or don't even know what we do or who we are, or who we have become. The new Local Church Profile is a resource for self-study produced for the use of congregations who are in the process of searching for a pastor. But it is also a useful tool for churches to evaluate where they are in their ministry and where God might be calling them. The Profile (LCP) has a section for helping churches ask questions about who they are and where God is calling them. It also has a section that asks churches to observe who their neighbors are and to ask questions about how their neighbors view them.

Did you ever think of that? How does your community view your church? Do the people in your hometown recognize the things you do? What do your neighbors think goes on behind your walls? Do they know what you believe? Have you cultivated relationships with other organizations in your community?

Some of our churches have thought about their relationships with other organizations and have reached out to their community. Those relationships are with a variety of partners. In Naples, Florida the United Church of Christ there considers the Neighborhood Healthcare Clinic and Dental Surgical Room a mission partner offering financial support and volunteer opportunities. In Cedar Rapids, Iowa the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ partners with the Johnson School of the Arts, a magnet school across the street. In Hudsonville, Michigan the UCC congregation has many community partnerships. Some of these are youth oriented and they include: Kids Hope USA, Intramural basketball, Head Start, and a diaper bank.

If your congregation was to develop community partnerships where would you begin? With whom would you partner to make your presence felt and reach out to your community? You might begin with the UCC partners in Service program at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org), or you could just look around and see who is next door serving your neighbors. Be known in your hometown!



# *The Sunday Crier*

July 8, 2018



**VBS Starts Tuesday!** You can still sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>. Get ready campers 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 next Sunday morning at the 10:15 service.

**Christmas in July!** Did you blink a couple of times as you stepped into the narthex today? Yes, it is a Christmas tree standing tall and majestic with some unique decorations. There is no need to wonder if your name has changed to Rip Van Winkle or you have been transported to the southern hemisphere. The youth helped the Board of Outreach set up the tree to celebrate Christmas in July and highlight one of Colonial's longest standing projects—Cross-Lines Christmas Store. For many years, congregation members have donated time and money to bring joy to families in our area in need. Today Bob and Judy LeVeau will share information about this project during the Mission Moment.

**Colonial Tuesday Book Group.** On July 17, the Tuesday Book Group will have the opportunity to visit with Peter Bayless to discuss and ask questions about issues pertinent to Transgender, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, their friends and families. After that, on July 24, we 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 mark your calendar and plan to join us for what should be a couple of fascinating opportunities 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!



The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Carol and Fred Scott in loving memory of their parents.

**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.

**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>.

**Serving 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 July 22. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-signup>.

### **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.
- **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.

**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.

**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.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, 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 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex

### **TUESDAY, July 10**

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shopping Center

### **WEDNESDAY, July 11**

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

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

9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

### **THURSDAY, July 12**

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **FRIDAY, July 13**

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

*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 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](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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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