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March 11, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Woman at the Well” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *The Uneasy Gospel*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Beach Spring

Wold

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.

Gathering Time

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

*** Opening Hymn #459**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Living Water, we confess that we are often running on empty, feeling dry and drained, parched from the demands of the world. We confess that we turn to worldly ways of filling our needs, rather than seeking your wisdom and guidance. Turn us to your ways. Turn us to your work, to love our neighbor as ourselves. For in following your commandments, we are fulfilled, renewed, and restored. In your name, Water of Life, we pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Justice flows like a mighty water; righteousness as an ever-flowing stream.
 Drink deep of the water of God, that gushes up into a spring of eternal life.
 Through this water know that you are born from above, given new life, and
 are sent forth. Through this water know that you are God's beloved.

**People: We will go and share the good news of Christ's love for the world!
 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 leave, 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 in Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Holst

Laurel Mundell, soprano and Phillip Eatherton, baritone

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Nikki Woolsey

The Samaritan Woman at the Well - John 4:5-30

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

The woman replied, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and

your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?” They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #196

When, like the Woman at the Well

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

Help Me, O God, That I May Overcome

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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: **Gracious God, bless these gifts and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness in a thirsty land. In Jesus's 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.

We Depart to Serve

* Hymn #306

The Church of Christ

*** 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, 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**

Beach Spring

Wold

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Carrie Roberts
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Martha Wofford
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Randy Freeman Sue Freeman, Mary Pelton
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Martha Wofford

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

2018 Giving Calendar

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE!



The purpose of the OGHS calendar is to help us focus during the season of Lent on ways that God has blessed each of us, and to give thanks for those abundant blessings. The calendar highlights some of the challenging situations in the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. Your gift will be a blessing to others!

WEEK 4: Refugees and the Displaced

<p>Sunday <i>“The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself...”</i> <i>Leviticus 19:34</i> Give three units to support refugee resettlement in the US.</p>	<p>Monday <i>In 2016, there were 17.2 million people displaced from their homes due to conflict or persecution across international borders, 50% more since 2013.</i> Give three units if you were never displaced from your home.</p>	<p>Tuesday <i>About 45% of the world’s refugees reside in countries with per capita incomes below \$3,000—countries least able to afford them.</i> Give three units if you or your household receives more than \$3,000 per month.</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>\$10 can provide a thermal blanket for a refugee, of 1 mat to prevent them from sleeping on the cold ground.</i> Give two units for every thermal blanket in your home.</p>	<p>Thursday <i>Over one thousand Puerto Ricans who self-evacuated after the 2017 hurricanes to Pennsylvania were looking for a “safe space.”</i> Share one unit for each bed in your home.</p>	<p>Friday <i>Adequate shelter is a basic human right, a basic necessity that every human being requires.</i> Give two units if you live in a comfortable home.</p>
<p>Saturday <i>Feel God’s presence and joy through helping others.</i> God loves a cheerful giver, so give whatever units you think would please God.</p>		



The Sunday Crier

March 11, 2018

Movie Night. Join us next Sunday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room for the next movie night. We will be showing a recently released animated movie based on the Mexican holiday the Day of the Dead. It is the first film with a nine-figure budget to feature an all-Latino cast and is nominated for several academy awards. Even though it is animated, it is definitely speaks to adults as well as children. Popcorn and soda is provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. Stop by the table in the narthex today.

Molly's Table. On Thursday, March 22, Molly's Table will host a Mom's Night Out for the women of Sheffield Place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We will serve a home-cooked meal followed by an evening of playing Bingo. You can be part of this special event by volunteering your time, by donating food, or by providing fun door prizes. Please contact Jeni Cosgrove at jeni@jimcosgrove.com if you are interested in participating.

Order An Easter Lily. Easter lilies will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday, April 1. You can order a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one. If you wish to donate a lily, please pick up a form in the narthex, complete it, attach a check for \$17.00 each (payable to Colonial Church), and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate today. All lilies will be distributed by the Care Committee after Easter worship.

Colonial Friends Lunch. Colonial Friends are meeting for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at Charleston's – a new restaurant at Ward Parkway Center. Charleston's is a Houlihan's style restaurant with American food and moderate prices. We will all meet there directly instead of carpooling from Colonial. Please email Bill Sanderson with your reservation at bills043@gmail.com.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by JANE AND GEOFF ACKLEY in memory of Russell G. Mann and H. Clayton Ackley.

CTS Collection for the Sheffield Place. The Colonial Tween Squad will be assembling Easter gift bags for the residents of Sheffield's Place next Sunday. They are seeking donations for the following items. Everyday toiletry items are needed the most.

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste for both kids and adults
- Deodorant, body wash, bubble bath
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Colorful band aids for kids
- Individual variety packs of healthy snacks such as Goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels
- Bubbles, packages of Play-Doh, coloring books

Bring your donations to the collection box outside the CTS room before the 10:15 service next Sunday. The gifts will be sent home with the moms at our Molly's Table event on March 22. You may also make financial contributions by writing a check directly to Sheffield Place. Please contact Jeni Cosgrove with questions – 913-219-4815/jeni@jimcosgrove.com.

Tearing Down Walls: Finding a Path to Religious Understanding. Relationships between religious people around the world is one of the most significant issues of the 21st century as ignorance leads to intolerance and even violence. "Tearing Down Walls" is an event aimed at learning skills in interreligious dialogue with the hope of promoting peace through interreligious understanding and cooperation. Nationally-recognized scholars will lead sessions on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Colonial. Speakers include Paul F. Knitter, Damayanthi Niles, Dale Bishop, the Dialogue Institute and David Greenhaw. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-walls>. An Armin and Shirley Limper Program in Christianity and World Religions through Eden Seminary.

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 March 25. 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, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, April 5, 6:00 p.m., Charleston's at Ward Parkway Center

Dialogue Institute Friendship Dinner. Dialogue Institute of the Southwest is sponsoring their 13th Annual Dialogue & Friendship Dinner on Wednesday, April 11 at UMKC. The theme is "Searching for Oneness: Mystical Thought In and Beyond the Abrahamic

Traditions." Colonial has reserved a table for eight - go to <https://tinyurl.com/dialogue-colonial> to purchase 1 or more of the seats.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. 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!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, March 11

8:30 am—Worship
 9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge School
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
 9:30—Board of Parish Life, Social Hall
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee, narthex

TUESDAY, March 13

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, March 14

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, March 15

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

FRIDAY, March 16

Office Closed
 8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

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.

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 <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> 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

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