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**Our most important ministry comes out of our deepest  
hurts.** -Rev. Mickey Hassler



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March 18, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“Lazarus - The First Resurrection” 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**

*Calvary*

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.*

**Gathering Time**

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

**\* Opening Hymn #292**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**People: Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day,” not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting up in our very midst.**

## Silent Meditation

### Assurance of Grace

Leader: “Come out!” Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love.

**People: We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins. May God’s name always be praised!**

### \* 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**

*When Jesus Wept*

Bock

**Lazarus Has Died: John 11:17-27**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

**Jesus Hurts: John 11:28-37**

[Martha] went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

### **Some Hurts Move Us to Act: John 11:38-44**

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



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

\* **Hymn #303**

*Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

### **Surprise Sunday**

*On the bulletin insert or another piece of paper, you are invited to write down the names of five people who have made a difference in your life. Take this piece of paper and tuck it into your pocket, wallet, or bag that you carry. Each time you see or feel that piece of paper, say one of the five names out loud and think of one way that they have influenced your life.*

### **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

*Christ the Lamb of God*

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Doxology

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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: Spirit of Life, we breathe our lives upon these gifts that they may become a fertile plain of green life and strengthened hope for all who live in the valley of dry bones. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 #238

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

**\* 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**

*Vivace in F-Sharp Minor*

Buxtehude

**Worship Leaders**

Liturgist:	Marion Taylor
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Honey Hannah
Hospitality Table:	Sally Huggins
Head Usher:	Stacy Huggins
Ushers:	Stacy Huggins, Cindy Lafferty Ed Rowe, Lee Rowe
Coffee and Conversation Hosts:	Linda & Joe Cunningham



# *The Sunday Crier*

March 18, 2018

**Movie Night Tonight.** Join us tonight 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.

**Molly's Table.** The next Molly's Table is coming up on Thursday, March 22. You can be part of this special event by volunteering your time, by donating food, or by providing some fun BINGO prizes. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/mollys-table> for all the details. Or, contact Jeni Cosgrove at [jeni@jimcosgrove.com](mailto:jeni@jimcosgrove.com). Thanks for helping us create a fun Mom's Night Out for the women of Sheffield Place.

**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](mailto:bills043@gmail.com).

**Youth Fundraisers.** Colonial youth are attending the UCC Regional Youth Event in June and need to raise money to go. They are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14 and a car wash on Saturday, May 12. Save the dates!

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by MARTY AND LYNN SAMPLE in memory of Joe Sample.

**CTS Collection for Sheffield Place.** Remember to drop your items in the box outside the CTS room across from the Heritage Room. The Colonial Tween Squad is assembling Easter gift bags for the residents of Sheffield's Place today. The gifts will be sent home with the moms at our Molly's Table event on March 22. If you did not bring any items, you may also make financial contributions by writing a check directly to Sheffield Place.

**March for Our Lives – A march to say “Enough!”** This is part of a nationwide effort to advocate for weapons reform. Participants will gather at Theis Park in Kansas City on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 4 p.m. The park is at 533 Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64110 (south of the Nelson-Atkins Museum).

**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**

- **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
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

**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!

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, March 18**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 9:15—Board of Stewardship, Oberlin Room  
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room  
 11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall  
 5:30 pm—Sunday Movie Night, Heritage Room

### **TUESDAY, March 20**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, March 21**

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops  
 11:30—Colonial Friends, Charleston’s  
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

### **THURSDAY, March 22**

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room  
 12:00 pm—Bible Study  
 5:30—Molly’s Table, Heritage Room  
 6:30—AA, Oberlin Room

### **SATURDAY, March 24**

12:00-4:00 pm—March for Our Lives, Theis Park

*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 <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](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)

## **COLONIAL STAFF**

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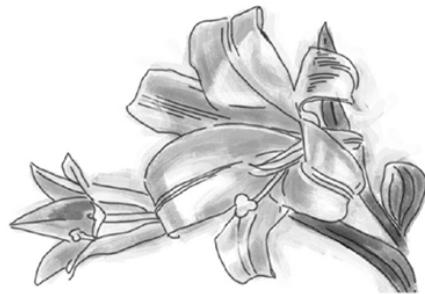
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## Order an Easter Lily

Easter lilies will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday, April 1. You can order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Deadline is March 25** for orders so they can be noted in the bulletin.



All lilies will be used by the Care Committee after Easter worship.

If you wish to donate a lily, please complete the form below, 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.

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\$17 per lily. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. Check payable to Colonial Church.

Colonial Offering (Envelope) No. (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_