



*Detail of the Tomb Effigy of Elizabeth Boott Duveneck Frank Duveneck
(1848–1919). Date: 1891, cast 1927. Photo by Rick Morley.*

**If we lose love and self respect for each other, this is how
we finally die.** **-Maya Angelou**



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March 25, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
Palm and Passion 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

Marche Funèbre

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.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

John 12:12-19 (CEB)

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Don’t be afraid, Daughter Zion. Look! Your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

His disciples didn’t understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

The crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were testifying about him. That’s why the crowd came to meet him, because they had heard about this miraculous sign that he had done. Therefore, the Pharisees said to each other, “See! You’ve accomplished nothing! Look! The whole world is following him!”

*** Opening Hymn and the Palm Parade #213**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*** 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.

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

Jesus on the Cross

Dupre

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 Holy One, bless these gifts so that the world may know the depth of
your love. Amen.**

We Hear a Word from God

A Word in Music

Cantata “Christus” by Felix Mendelssohn
Martin Luther Clark, tenor soloist

Chorus	“There shall a star from Jacob”
Recitative	“And the multitude arose”
Chorus	“This man we have found”
Recitative	“Then Pilate said”
Chorus	“He Stirreth up the Jews”
Recitative	“Pilate said again”
Chorus	“Away with Jesus”
Recitative	“Still Pilate spake again”
Chorus	“Crucify”
Recitative	“Then unto them said Pilate”
Chorus	“We have a Sacred law”
Recitative	“Then unto them he delivered Him”
Chorus	“Daughters of Zion”
Chorus	“He Leaves His Heavenly Portals”

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

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 Song #226

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

We Depart to Serve

* **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.

* **Benediction**

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Cheri Van Orman
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Howard Lee
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Loren Griffith Howard Lee, Martha Wofford
Coffee and Conversation Hosts:	Jayne Quimby

United Church of Christ Mission Moment for March 25, 2018
Palm/Passion Sunday - Into Jerusalem

We have a choice today. We can choose to remember a triumphant parade led by a man on a donkey, or we can remember that same man betrayed by a friend and anointed for burial, arrested and sent to die. Either way the man ends up dead after being crucified. The place in the story—the point in the narrative is different but the result will be the same. Even if we were to retell it from where the shepherds heard the heavenly host, or the fishermen left their nets, or stopped the narrative clock when Jesus was accosted by the leper, the result would always be the same – three crosses on a hill called Golgotha and then the empty tomb.

One could liken this Sunday's liturgical moment to being at the crest of something. The path before us goes down and then up. There is a lot of ground to cover, a great crowd to get through, soldiers to thwart, and a plan to feed twelve hungry friends. Along the way, there are expectations even hopes. Remembering the Palm Sunday parade is to remember a demonstration and a belief born in the shouting crowd that this was a turning point for Jerusalem and all people living under the boot of the Roman Empire.

Palm Sunday is a Sunday of possibility and expectancy. When we choose, to also celebrate Passion Sunday we tell the story just after the parade and the waving palms disbands. Passion Sunday is also about the betrayal by Judas, and the arrest in the garden. Now is the place in the Gospels when things get serious. Now the plot turns and the danger is clear. The demonstration of Palm Sunday was a kind of protest parade against Rome. Following that man on the donkey would mean making choices about whose side you were on. Christians still make those kinds of choices.

Our world is in a time when we are called to make choices about whose side we will be on. In the summer of 2017 many UCCers joined 15,000 demonstrators in the Boston area making a choice to walk against hate and bigotry. At the same time UCC theologians, seminary professors and administrators signed a letter decrying the notion of white supremacy. As a church, as a denomination, we are Palm Sunday “paraders” who know that waving those palms is also a political stance. When we are the church we speak out for what is true and whole and we are not afraid to raise our voice against any system that oppresses people. To follow Jesus is to tell the whole story from the parade and the cheers to the cross, knowing that God waits on the other side with a resurrection promise.

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. 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 on Sunday. All lilies will be used by the Care Committee after Easter worship. Deadline for orders is March 25.

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)



The Sunday Crier

March 25, 2018

Last Day to Order An Easter Lily. Today is the last day to order Easter lilies to be placed on the altar 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, use the enclosed form — complete it, attach a check for \$17.00 each (payable to Colonial Church), and place it in the offering plate today. All lilies will be distributed by the Care Committee after Easter worship.

Holy Week Sermons and Soup. Sermons and Soup is a tradition open to everyone. Colonial Women provides an excellent community meal of soup and bread and a chance to digest the meaning and power of Holy Week.

- Holy Thursday, March 29 with Communion (worship at noon with soup lunch following)
- Holy Friday, March 30 (Soup lunch at noon with worship following)

“Watch This!” Easter Sunday Worship. We will worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 1 as we celebrate the Gospel Easter hope with Pastor Aaron preaching “Watch This!” Activity for children at both services.

Easter Breakfast at Colonial. Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Board of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

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!

Care to Join Us? New Member Class Starts April 22. Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, April 22, 29, and May 6, in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 6 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

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.

Colonial Family Getaway. 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. The park is just over an hour from Colonial and features a lake with marina, fishing, boating, lake swimming, hiking, biking, disc golf, sand volleyball, and lots of beautiful vistas. Come for the day or stay overnight in an air-conditioned cabin, on a plug-in RV site, or in your own tent. More info is here: <http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Pomona>. Interested? Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming. Questions? Contact Barrie Herbst, Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.

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 25

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
 2:00 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall

MONDAY, March 26

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, March 27

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, March 28

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

THURSDAY, March 29

12:00 pm—Sermon and Soup
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, March 30

12:00 pm—Sermon and Soup

SUNDAY, April 1 – Easter

8:30-10:45 am Easter Breakfast
 9:00 Worship
 11:00 Worship

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 <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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