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**Poverty too often turns the milk of human  
kindness into gall.**

-Eliza Cook



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913-362-7735

March 4, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“Water into Wine” 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**

*Le Banquet Celeste*

Messiaen

**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 #343**

*Jesus Took the Bread*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God we serve.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, consuming false idols with holy fire, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life. Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing,

Sung Response #793

*Sanctus*

***Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ: Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth and life.

We give you thanks that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.*

Communion Anthem

*In Remembrance*

Buryl Red

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**People: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have fed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. 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 Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **The Money for Wine Ran Out: John 2:1-4**

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

### **Mom Disagrees: John 2:5-9**

His mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water,” and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some from them and take it to the head waiter,” and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn’t know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

### **Sometimes You Just Need to Celebrate! John 2:9-11**

The head waiter called the groom and said, “Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.” This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



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

### **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      *We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus, For Thy Redemptive Death*      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:** God of blessing, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. 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.**

**We Depart to Serve**

\* Hymn #76

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**\* 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**

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Zachau

**Worship Leaders**

Liturgist:	Jayne Quimby
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Bill Sanderson
Head Usher:	Chester Bender
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Cindy Lafferty Bruce Wofford, Martha Wofford
Coffee and Conversation Hosts:	Joan and Jerry Gilson

# 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 3: Food and Water**

<p><b>Sunday</b>  <i>"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."</i>  <i>Matthew 25:35</i>            Give a unit in thanksgiving for each day this week you were not thirsty.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b>  <i>In the United States, 40–50% of all food ready for harvest never gets eaten.</i>            Give three units for each meal you ate today where you did not finish what was on your plate.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b>  <i>Due to hurricanes in 2017, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands sustained damage to their water systems.</i>            Give one unit for every glass or bottle of water you drank today.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>  <i>The proportion of people living in extreme poverty is half of what it was in 1990. Yet 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day.</i>            Share a unit for each meal you have eaten in a restaurant in the past week.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>  <i>In 2014-15, 1.9 million people were reached with clean water and 3 million people with sanitation.</i>            Give one unit for each time you washed your hands today.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>  <i>For every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of \$4 is returned in increased productivity.</i>            Give one unit for each toilet and sink in your home.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b>  <i>In the first 2 years of a child's life, optimal nutrition fosters healthy growth and improves cognition while decreasing risks of obesity later in life.</i>            Share one unit for every scale in your home.</p>		



## *The Sunday Crier*

March 4, 2018

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**CTS Collection for the Sheffield Place.** The Colonial Tween Squad will be assembling Easter gift bags for the residents of Sheffield Place on March 18th. 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 on March 18. The gifts will be sent home with the moms at our next Molly's Table event. 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.

**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.

**Spiritual Life Team Interest Survey.** Exploring spirituality is an important part of life in a church community. God becomes more real. We're beginning a new Spiritual Life Team of about 6-8 people to explore and share their journey. If this sounds interesting go to <https://tinyurl.com/spiritual-life-survey> and indicate how often and when would be best to meet. For more information about this Spiritual Life Team, you can contact Pastor Aaron.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by STACEY AND ADAM ALGREN in honor of Flo Rooke.

**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.

**Visiting Scholar.** The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, the 16th president and first woman to head the 180-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City, is the 2018 Visiting Scholar at Village Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jones will speak on the subject "What is True: Theology and the American Story" in three sessions, lecturing on the topics of "Sin" (Friday 7:00 pm), "Grace" and "Redemption" (Saturday 9:00-11:30 am). Go to [www.villagepres.org/visiting-scholar](http://www.villagepres.org/visiting-scholar) to register.

**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 February 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.

**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. The next opportunity is March 11.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **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.

**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 4**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room  
 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

### **MONDAY, March 5**

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

### **TUESDAY, March 6**

8:00 am—Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins  
 9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, March 7**

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

### **THURSDAY, March 8**

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

### **SUNDAY, 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  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room  
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee, narthex

*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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