



The Cost of the Cross

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Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Cost of the Cross” Worship Service in the series *Getting Right with God*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Aberystwyth

Near

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to offer in our community’s prayer ministry this coming week. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

*** Hymn #193**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: There are times when we all feel anxious and scared more than supported and comforted.

People: We suffer and find no relief.

Leader: We complain in the middle of plenty and groan over first world problems.

People: We turn inward with hurt instead of opening ourselves to the Spirit’s healing touch.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Our confessions, both those spoken and without voice, are no surprise to God.

People: In Christ, we are counted all as family and offered grace and mercy. We are forgiven!

* Sung Response

Gloria, hymn #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 in Music

This Lonesome Valley

Don Besig
Elizabeth Uppman, flute

A Word in Scripture

Mark 10:28-31

Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

A Word Proclaimed

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We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #256

“We Live by Faith and Not by Sight”

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

Moscow

Peeters

Doxology

Hymn #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

Thank you, God, for the resources you have entrusted to us. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than possessions or a false sense of security. Bless our time, money, and energy to your work of mercy. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral 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 creates 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 #198

“Lift High the Cross”

* 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

Hymn #809

*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

Aus tiefer Not

Drischner

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Ken Werne
Videographer:	Ryan Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Chester Bender
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Linda Moses
Fellowship Host:	Kathi & Jim Cook

Bread for the World Plan for Ending Hunger by 2030

The United States has made significant progress against hunger and poverty over the past 50 years. But too many people are being left behind. Ending hunger and poor nutrition in the U.S. calls for comprehensive strategies that promote racial, gender, and class equity and take into account differences in personal, family, and community circumstances. Even more important, it requires the political will to turn these ideas into legislation. The United States should:

- **Create jobs that pay**

Millions of workers are paid so little that they cannot feed their families. The best, most lasting way to end hunger is to ensure that people have access to jobs that pay enough to support their families. The United States can move in the right direction by making essential improvements through legislation and policies.

- **Invest in people**

To be successful, people must have access to the tools they need. Government plays an important role in ensuring that everyone has their basic needs met and benefits from equitable opportunities. Targeted investments should be made in communities with the highest hunger rates.

- **Strengthen the safety net**

Most people need some help at some point in their lives and everyone should have access to help in hard times. The United States should strengthen national nutrition programs such as school meals, summer meals, SNAP, and WIC. Essential social programs should be a consistent national priority and they should be provided in an equitable manner.

- **Remove obstacles to earning a decent living**

Discriminatory practices should be ended and the playing field should be leveled for communities at higher risk of hunger by providing targeted support. These include people of color, women, and children, particularly women and children of color. Laws against racial, gender, and other forms of discrimination should be enforced, and a racial, gender, and class equity lens should be applied to all nutrition, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty programs and policies.



The Sunday Crier

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VBS Quiz? Can you guess what Bible story the illustration in the morning announcements on the screen depicts? We will give you 3 clues about Vacation Bible School over the next three weeks. If you can guess all three stories we are learning about this year in VBS, you will win tickets to the Kansas City Zoo Sunlight Stroll. There is a box in the narthex for your guesses. The rules are simple: one guess per person per week, and the winners will be notified at the 10:15 service on March 15. Mark your calendar for VBS 2020 July 14-17.

Care to Join Us at Colonial? 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, March 15, 22 and 29 in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on March 29 during worship. If you can't make it to class on all three Sundays, we still welcome you to join on the 29th. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

Colonial Pub Night on March 17. The next Colonial Church Pub Night is Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Kansas City Bier Company (310 W 79th St, Kansas City, MO 64114). People have been gathering in pubs for ages to talk about life. Please let Heather in the church office know if you're planning to go so reserve a large enough table.

Moms Group. Moms of preschoolers or younger are invited to a get-to-know-you gathering at Lone Elm Park in Olathe on Saturday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m. A fun place for the kiddos to play while moms chat. Littles, sweatpants and coffees are welcome. This is an informal gathering for the moms and kids. RSVP to Hayden Ferguson (Haydenmh@yahoo.com) so we know how many to expect.

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Terry and Diane Brown in memory of our grandparents and honor of our grandchildren.

Colonial Friends to Tour Wornall House. On Wednesday, March 18, Colonial Friends will meet for lunch and a tour of the historic John Wornall house. Constructed in 1858, the home became a field hospital during the Battle of Westport. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 in the Summit Grill, 520 W. 75th Street. Our tour of the house, located at 6115 Wornall Road, will start at 1:00 p.m. The guided tour will take approximately 45 minutes and cost \$5.00 per person. If you want to carpool, please meet at the church by 11:15. Please email rstarcke@gmail.com if you plan to join us.

Colonial Women Activities. All women of Colonial Church are invited to gather with others in casual fellowship opportunities, whether you prefer breakfast, happy hour or discussing a book. Check out the options below. No reservations required.

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Dinner Group.** Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.
- **Coffee/Breakfast.** Monday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Book Group.** Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Help Our Youth! Our Youth Group is going to UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana in July and they need our help! Pick up a colored envelope in the narthex and fill it with the amount indicated to help them reach their goal, heck pick up two envelopes if you want.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless in 2020. We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2020. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh20>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by about 4:00 p.m.

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check to Colonial for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Monthly Centering Prayer. We meet the third Sunday of the month, 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Salem Room. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

Fair Trade Coffee. The Board of Outreach is selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate at the price Equal Exchange charges Colonial because we believe offering fair trade products brings justice to those farmers who are trying to support their families with a sustainable income. Purchase yours on Sunday, March 15 in the narthex. Bags of coffee are \$8.00 or \$8.50 for decaf. Tea is \$3.50 and chocolate bars are \$3.00.

Council Position Open. Tim Owens has resigned from his position as Assistant Moderator and is also discontinuing providing legal advice on Fridays. The Assistant Moderator position will not be filled until the next Annual Meeting on June 14, 2020. Anyone wishing to fill that position, or any other position on the Church Council, is invited to contact Ancel Neuburger, Moderator, at 913-438-4736 or lorann@sbcglobal.net. We thank Tim for his service to Colonial.

Prescription Bottles. The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City extends its appreciation for the medicine bottles Colonial has collected and donated. They also ask that we keep them coming. Please leave your empty bottles in the box by the office.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, March 8

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:15 Tweens, Cambridge Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, March 10

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Big Biscuit

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

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

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

WEDNESDAY, March 11

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

9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, March 12

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

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, call our church office at 913-362-7735.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

Tween Squad—The Colonial Tween Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room for all students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Youth—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th-12th grade students. The group meets every other Sunday beginning in the youth room (Savoy) during the worship service at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service activities are planned throughout the year. Friends are welcome anytime, to class meetings or our outside activities.

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 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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