



Light Shining Down submitted by Sally Huggins.

“God hath yet more light and truth to break forth...”

Rev. John Robinson in his last sermon before the
Mayflower launched for the New World.



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May 13, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“God Who Suffers with You” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *How Big is Your 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 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Moklebust

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.

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

*** Opening Hymn #459** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Mission Moment

Stacey Algren

Donations to the Malawi Birth Center can be made in honor of a mother or loved one through Colonial Church. Please write “Malawi Birth Center” on the memo line of a check or on one of the pew envelopes.

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Protector of all, we gather this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you.

Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. In the spirit of Jesus Christ we pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Be joyful this day because you are not the burdens you carry. Instead you are the beautiful image God created and is creating you to be.

People: God is creating a Beloved Community in our midst. Thanks be to God! 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 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

We Are Glad

Courtney

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Did Jesus Want to Start a New Religion? - Matthew 5:17-18

“Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality.”

Jesus’ Words for the Religion of His Time - Matthew 23:11-36

“The one who is greatest among you will be your servant. All who lift themselves up will be brought low. But all who make themselves low will be lifted up.

“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You shut people out of the kingdom of heaven. You don’t enter yourselves, and you won’t allow those who want to enter to do so.

“How terrible it will be for you, legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You travel over sea and land to make one convert. But when they’ve been converted, they become twice the child of hell you are.

“How terrible it will be for you blind guides who say, ‘If people swear by the temple, it’s nothing. But if people swear by the gold in the temple, they are obligated to do what they swore.’ You foolish and blind people! Which is greater, the gold or the temple that makes the gold holy? You say, ‘If people swear by the altar, it’s nothing. But if they swear by the gift on the altar, they are obligated to do what they swore.’ You blind people! Which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift holy? Therefore, those who swear by the altar swear by it and by everything that’s on it. Those who swear by the temple swear by it and by everything that’s part of it. Those who swear by heaven swear by God’s throne and by the one who sits on it.

“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You give to God a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, but you forget about the more important

matters of the Law: justice, peace, and faith. You ought to give a tenth but without forgetting about those more important matters. You blind guides! You filter out an ant but swallow a camel.

“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and plate, but inside they are full of violence and pleasure seeking. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup so that the outside of the cup will be clean too.

“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs. They look beautiful on the outside. But inside they are full of dead bones and all kinds of filth. In the same way you look righteous to people. But inside you are full of pretense and rebellion.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Sacrament of the Baptism of Levi Ramiro-John Chavez

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Leader: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

People: Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

People: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Leader: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

* **Baptismal Hymn #351** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

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 *Holy Jesus Is Risen from the Dead* 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: Holy God, may these gifts nourish your beloved children with wisdom, compassion, and creativity so that your Beloved Community is deepened and recognized: eternal life made manifest in the here and now. 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 #391 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

* 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 till we meet again.
O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.*

* Benediction and Postlude

Goudeamus Pariter

Farlee

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Bruce Edwards
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Stacy Kern
Ushers:	Stacy Kern, Mary Pelton Bill Sanderson, Bill Yohn
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Kathi Cook

Collecting our Images of God

Thank you to the following members and friends who submitted pictures for our growing collection of images of God.

Valerie Cable	Night with Her Train of Stars by Edward Hughes
Darren Carpenter	Flint hills
Charlotte Drayer	General Grant giant sequoia
Hayden Ferguson	Clouds
Stephanie Graff	Geyser, joy with sprinkles, new beginnings, and peace comfort rest
Sally Huggins	Light shining down
Joseph Kern	God in Revelation
Carrie Roberts	The Sheltering Hand
Dianne Starcke	Garden, God's art in clouds, Helix nebula (eye of God), and sun earth cross
Pernell Talberg	Child at the church door, and pond at sunset
Marion Taylor	God is dog spelled backwards
Janet Weiblen	Infinite ocean



The Sunday Crier

May 13, 2018

SOMEDAY Is Next Sunday!

“Someday.” That’s when most of us say we are going to start planning and protecting the financial future of our loved ones. Here’s some good news: You can make Sunday, May 20 your “Someday” by signing up for FAMILY FINANCE 101, an overview of key areas that impact your financial future: changes in the new federal income tax law, wills and trusts, social security, advanced directive and power of attorney...and more. The Board of Stewardship and the Investment Committee have

assembled a panel of experts who will make a brief presentation about each of these topics, followed by a light lunch and an opportunity for you to talk directly with our presenters about your specific concerns. Leave behind material will also be provided – all at no charge. It starts at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 20 in the Social Hall. This event is presented as a service to church members and the community, so feel free to invite neighbors or friends. However to provide an accurate count for lunch and printed material, reservations are necessary. To reserve your spot, go to <https://tinyurl.com/col-finance101>.

For Mother's Day, Support Malawi Birthing Center. This Mother's Day honor your mother or the mothers in your life by giving the gift of hope. Consider an alternative gift with a donation to our Malawi birthing center. The birth center is built but funds are still needed for its operation and maintenance. Safe birth is not a given in many parts of the world. Consider giving in honor of those you love. Checks can be made to Colonial with "Mothers Day Malawi" in the memo. Thank you!

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the Uppman and Marquez families in memory of Gabriel Ricardo Marquez Uppman.

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. Available today in the narthex.

Colonial Friends BBQ Outing. Colonial Friends will have lunch at Zarda Bar-B-Q (11931 W. 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS, 66215) at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Please RSVP to Catherine Bowser, bowcat2@aol.com or (913)381-0430 by tomorrow.

Help with Molly's Table on May 24. The next Molly's Table is on Thursday, May 24. We are kicking off Memorial Day weekend with a BBQ dinner and art night honoring the moms from Sheffield Place. You can be part of this special event by volunteering your time or by donating some of the menu items. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/molly-bbq> or contact Jeni Cosgrove at jeni@jimcosgrove.com, or (913)219-4815 for more information. Thanks for your help.

Post-Ramadan Dinner on May 29. Share a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Dialogue Institute Muslim neighbors on Tuesday, May 29 at Colonial. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m., presentation about Ramadan 8:15, dinner 8:50. Late start so the Ramadan fast will not be broken until after sunset. This is a great opportunity to learn more of the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/post-ramadan2018>

Tuesday Book Group. Join us for the Tuesday Book Group every week at 9:30 in the Heritage Room. Starting May 15 we will begin discussions of Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. This work offers penetrating and important insights into the for-profit rental market in American cities, and the destructive effects of that market on families.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

VBS Is July 10-13. Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>.

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 May 27. 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>.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, May 13

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
 9:15—Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 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

TUESDAY, May 15

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, May 16

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 11:30—Colonial Friends, Zarda Bar-B-Q

THURSDAY, May 17

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

FRIDAY, May 18

Office Closed
 8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, May 20

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
 11:30—Family Finance 101, 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. 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 <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 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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