



The plans of the diligent end up in profit, but those who hurry end up with loss.

Proverbs 21:5



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

www.colonialucc.org
913-362-7735

May 20, 2018
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Preparing for the Unexpected” Pentecost Sunday Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Ach Gott und Herr

Walter

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.

The Story of Pentecost

Based on Acts 2

*** Opening Hymn #277**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*** 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

River in Judea

Leavitt

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Don't Worry - Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Do Plan - Luke 14:28-30

“If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!'”

Does Your Plan Reflect Your Core Values? - Luke 12:16-21

“A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #436

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Verses 1-3

Surprise Sunday

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

How Do I?

Kern

Text by Alex Mundell; Laurel Mundell, soprano

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 Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of liberation, justice, and charity here and around the world. 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

Recognition of Graduates and Departures

* Hymn #355

"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

*** 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**

Nicea

Kern

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Joan Gilson
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Bill Sanderson
Head Usher:	Howard Lee
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Randy Freeman Sue Freeman, Howard Lee
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Mary Pelton

United Church of Christ Mission Moment

Pentecost

Spirit for All: The Strengthen the Church Offering

After the tongues of fire and the wind and the speaking in the languages of the whole inhabited world, Peter stands and says something about what they have witnessed and experienced. He speaks to the crowd in Jerusalem that had gathered to witness the commotion and he tells them that what they have seen is a foretaste, a vision of what the future holds—that both sons and daughters will prophecy and visions and dreams will be paramount. All this, he says quoting Isaiah, just as the return of the world to its true self will be made visible in the return of Jesus the Christ.

What does the future hold for the church of Jesus Christ? In the formation story of this institution, we hold dear the suggestion that the future is potent and full of possibility and will be infused by great changes. That is exactly the purpose of the Strengthen the Church fund. Because of this offering the United Church of Christ has the means to help our churches reimagine themselves, think outside the box and create new worshipping Christian communities in places where the UCC has not been visible.

It's a fund that supports burgeoning youth ministries helping them articulate and nurture their deep spiritual longing. All in all, this fund is the best way we have that supports a new vision for our churches and creates opportunities for growth.

What will happen to our churches that are shrinking in numbers? Will we disappear? Will our voice for hope and freedom and justice and a world of welcome be obliterated by a world of indifference and secularity poised against all religion? Who are we in this conversation living a way of looking at the world that says there is something bigger than us, something that participates in our lives in a real and genuine way that makes a difference? What message do we have about being human that is essential for the good of everything? What do we offer people living in a world of interconnectivity, and social media and fake news and hopelessness, and great economic disparity? What do we offer youth marginalized by race and gender identity? What do we offer all of us facing our fragile world and the deep changes that seem to overwhelm us? This fund will help us have that conversation and model new visions for who we might become.



The Sunday Crier

May 20, 2018

Family Finance 101 Today at 11:30

Join us today at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall for Family Finance 101, an overview of key areas affecting your financial future. The topics include:



- Wills and trusts
- Establishing an Advanced Directive and Power of Attorney
- Changes in the new federal income tax law
- Social Security
- Planned giving from your estate to Colonial or other charities
- The role of a financial planner

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 brunch 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. Come even if you did not make a reservation.

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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Janet Weiblen in loving memory of her son, Scott.

Malawi Birthing Center — It's Not Too Late to Make a Donation. 1:29. This is the lifetime risk of dying of childbirth in Malawi. Consider donating in honor of the women in your life for Mother's Day. All funds will go to our Malawi birth center where woman can stay prior to childbirth and avoid walking many miles while in labor. A place to have a safe attended childbirth where lifesaving interventions can be provided. 1:29 We can do better! Checks can be made out to Colonial with Malawi birth center in the memo or written on an envelope. Through your generosity we have raised \$1,034 thus far!

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>

Annual Congregational Meeting on June 10. The Annual Meeting for Colonial will be Sunday, June 10, 2018 after the second service. The annual report will be passed out to the congregation at this time and a slate of new board chairs and members of the administrative board will be presented.

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.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home.

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>. 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.

The Week Ahead**TODAY, 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

MONDAY, May 21

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

5:30 pm—Council/Administrative Board, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, May 22

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, May 23

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

THURSDAY, May 24

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room

12:00 pm—Bible Study

5:00—Molly's Table, Heritage Room

6:30—AA, Oberlin Room

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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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