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Military veterans have unique skills, experience, and qualifications that are invaluable to today's workforce, including teamwork and leadership skills, the proven ability to learn quickly, a strong work ethic, dedication, and the ability to work under pressure. -Dr. Tae Yoo



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November 11, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Serving Together” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Better Together*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

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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 Our Burdens Down

Sacrament of the Baptism of Hunter Allan Snodgrass

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 323

“Little Children, Welcome”

*** 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

Song for an Unsung Hero

Joseph Martin

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Church is for Building People Up — 1 Corinthians 14:12

When you meet together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All these things must be done to build up the church.

Those People We Meet on Our Journey — Luke 10:33-37

A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.'

What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

What Does the LORD Require — Micah 6:8

What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn 308**

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

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.

Colonial Church: Better Together

Jessica Keane

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

**People: We lift up these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care,
O God. We dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in our
faithfulness to your Word. 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.

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - Risk and Restoration

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

The refugees, Ruth and Naomi, manage through a series of assimilations, tricks and an advantageous marriage, to bring a baby into the world. A baby named Obed. A baby who would be in a line along a series of begets and begots that would culminate in David, King of Israel. This baby, born of a so called “mixed marriage” (Ruth is a foreign born woman), will be cared for as much by his grandmother as by his mother. He is, after all, a baby born to a woman who had lost everything—sons and all. How will he be cared for? How do we care for the things that matter to us? And to our world? How much more precious is Obed because he is born to a woman who knows death intimately?

Do we have to have lost something so we can appreciate its return? Will we ever understand the importance of stewardship with respect to creation? Will we only learn how to care should the earth lose its resilience and ability to feed us? How do we love what we have? Protect it and keep it so that it will nurture our future? How do we do that before we fear its loss? How can we clear the path to a blessed tomorrow?

“Blessed Tomorrow” is a coalition of faith partners, including the United Church of Christ. Through this partnership, we offer resources gathered to protect this earth – our shared home, our future. For the UCC, fused with our Three Great Loves campaign, the love of everything begins with this creation. Its protection is a moral duty calling us to action. This is action born in an awareness of our responsibility to keep this beloved blue ball we call “earth” healthy enough to sustain and nurture everyone.

For Naomi and Ruth, Obed is a dear and fragile thing born in the aftermath of sorrow, held dear by that awareness. Our earth is as fragile and leans on all of us to protect it. We may not feel like environmentally savvy people, or climate warriors of any stripe but there are things we can do in this stewardship season to be stewards of the earth. If you go to *blessedtomorrow.org* you will find resources for churches and individuals. At that website, you might be empowered by seeing the cloud of witnesses and willing actors giving themselves to this great love – The Love of Creation.



The Sunday Crier

November 11, 2018

Last Chance for Holiday Bazaar

Stop by after second service to check out all the goodies at the Holiday Bazaar. Do some good for yourself and for others – 10% of proceeds goes to missions. Be sure to stop by.



Thanksgiving Dinner Next Sunday. Join your

Colonial family for Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, November 18, at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Board of Parish Life will provide the traditional elements of the meal: turkey, dressing, potatoes, rolls and beverages. We need you to bring a special dish that will add variety and spark to the meal. Last names starting with A-G salads, H-M desserts and N-Z hot side dishes. There will be a freewill offering to cover additional expenses.

Colonial Friends Lunch. On Wednesday, November 14, Colonial Friends will journey to McCormick and Schmick's on the Plaza for lunch at 11:30. We have reservations for 15-20 people and will be doing separate checks. RSVP by November 7 to Bill Sanderson via email (bills043@gmail.com) or tell him at church and let him know whether you need a ride. Carpool from Colonial at 11:00 or meet at the restaurant at 11:30.

2019 Altar Flowers. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our altar for your chosen Sunday in 2019. Your cost is \$50 and you may take the flowers following the 10:15 a.m. service or designate them for the Care Committee to take to homebound or hospitalized members. You can sign up in the narthex today.

Sign up to help at the Christmas Store. Stop by the table in the narthex today and next Sunday. We will be setting up the store November 19-21; the store will be open December 3-8. You can also sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/cross-lines-christmas>. Helping at the store will make your Christmas more meaningful

*Altar
Flowers*

Thanks to Hayden Ferguson and Missy Flachsbarth for creating our Thanksgiving altar.

Homemade Pies for Thanksgiving. Veronica's Voice is again selling pies made by the residents of Magdalene KC to raise funds to provide job skills training and create employment opportunities for the women in their program. The deadline for ordering is November 17. Pies will be available for pickup at Indian Heights United Methodist Church (10211 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS) on November 19-21. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2018-pies> to place your order. **Pie-Baking Help Needed** – Help bake the pies on November 19, 20 or 21. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/VV-pie-baking>

Help for Choir Concert. We need your help to provide soup, cookies or bread for the Colonial Choir Concert on Sunday, Dec. 9. Please sign up in the narthex today.

Advent Festival – Children's Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cookoff and Dinner Sunday, December 2, 3:30-6:30 p.m. We start with a Children's Pageant, followed by crafts and concluding with a Chili/Soup Cook-Off and meal. **Children's Christmas Pageant** – Sunday school children will present a pageant to kick off the festivities. All children, grandchildren and friends are encouraged to come to Sunday School over the next few weeks to be a part of this entertaining presentation. **Crafts Volunteers Needed** – Shifts are 4:00 to 4:45 and 4:45 to 5:30. Please sign up in the narthex today or at <https://tinyurl.com/advent-18>.

Calling Colonial Crafters. If you enjoy spending time crafting, your skills are needed for an upcoming art project for Colonial Church. We are creating a "paper lace banner" for our worship space in the upcoming Advent season. This is also an opportunity to build friendships across the church. Would you like to participate in one or more crafty gatherings? Please contact Nikki Woolsey at nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org.

Christmas Pageant 2018. Plans are underway for the 2018 Christmas Pageant at Colonial. The pageant will be presented during the worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24. The pageant is led by the Youth Group with support from the Colonial Tween Squad. This year we are also inviting the children's Sunday School class to participate. For more information or to volunteer to help with the event, contact Nikki Woolsey at nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org or by calling the church office.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, November 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Lunch Out.** Monday, November 26, 12:45 p.m., Henry's Tearoom. RSVP to Kathi Cook.
- **Book Group.** Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "The Encore: A Memoir in Three Acts" by Charity Tilleman-Dick.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! 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. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh18>. The next opportunity is November 25.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, November 11

8:30 am Worship
 9:00 am Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
 9:30 Centering Prayer, Salem Room
 9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:15 Colonial Tween Squad, Salem Room
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:00 -1:00 pm Holiday Bazaar, Social Hall
 11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
 11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

TUESDAY, November 13

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, November 14

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
 9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room
 11:30 Colonial Friends, McCormick & Schmick's
 7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, November 15

10:00 am Bible Study
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, November 16

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SATURDAY, November 17

6:30 pm Youth Service & Game Night, 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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