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**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.**

-John Wesley



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913-362-7735

November 12, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“St. Louis Strength: Reaching Out to the Marginalized”
Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Together We Make a Difference*

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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-Ferguson

Welcome and Call to Worship

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

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* **Opening Hymn #427** *God Made from One Blood*

Veterans Weekend Call to Worship -Chaplain Eileen Norrington, 22 Year Navy Veteran

Leader: For the men and women who serve or have served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

People: We ask you blessing.

Leader: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

* **Sung Response — Gloria #759 adapted**

Glory 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** (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 to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word in Music

Alleluia

-Mark Hayes

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

Seeing the Marginalized

Luke 13:10-17 Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. **When he saw her**, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #498

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

“Together We Make A Difference” Pledge Campaign Message -Dr. Stacey Algren
(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon to help fill local pantries.)

Doxology (#780 adapted; tune Old Hundredth)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

* Blessing the Offering

-by Rev. Susan Blain

**O God, we have come, and given generously of our gifts.
Take, bless and multiply them so that they may be a blessing in your
world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or 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 whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These 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 - November 12, 2017

Tending God's Light - Matthew 25: 1-13

There are so many ways that we are all still, under our skin, adolescents. Delaying gratification, or planning for a possible future, or thinking beyond our own needs seem to be traits difficult to cultivate. Are we hardwired for not being able to see beyond the tip of our nose so that even planning can be a struggle? Which bridesmaid in this familiar and iconic tale from Matthew's Gospel are you? Would you remember to bring extra oil? Would you be ready for the night to fall? Or would you be left in the dark and unable to greet the bridegroom?

When psychologists test for how some people have developed the ability to delay gratification, they notice that those who are able to imagine a pleasant outcome to their choice—rather than thinking of it simply in terms of what they are giving up—are more likely to postpone one thing for something greater. Saving is about remembering what it is you are saving for rather than how little you have for now. Another way of saying that is this: we should think about today so that there will be a better future for ourselves and others.

If the Gospel is about nothing else it is about hope. Hope in a better world and in the genuine compassionate nature of human beings that a fully human Christ makes possible. Hope is a gift from us to the future. But only if we make that hope tangible and not just a dream we embroider on a cushion. What is it we need to do, and to what do we need to give so that the future will receive its gift from us? Who will benefit from the gift or pledge we make today? Who will receive it?

These are the things we might ask ourselves as we prepare our offering to the church of Jesus Christ. What will your church mean to the future? What do you imagine that future to be? How will what you give today manifest itself for those who will be members of this church or residents of your town years from now? It's not what you give up, it's what you give to.

Those bridesmaids were split between those who imagined the future and those who did not. They saw the connection between what they did today and what might happen tomorrow. Isn't that one of the things that is a sign of maturity? Be a mature bridesmaid and give to your church. The future is asking.



The Sunday Crier

November 12, 2017

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.



Colonial Friends to Lawrence. This month

Colonial Friends head up the road to Lawrence, KS on Wednesday, November 15 to the Watkins Museum of History and the new DeBruce Center and adjoining Booth Family Hall of Athletics on the KU campus. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Oak Park Mall north parking lot in front of Barnes & Noble book store. The tour at Watkins Museum is at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Jack's Bar-B-Que on 23rd Street. Tours are free. Bring money for lunch and parking meters. RSVP to Bob Starcke at 913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Dinner. Join your Colonial family for Thanksgiving dinner next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Board of Parish Life will provide the traditional elements: delicious turkey, dressing, potatoes, rolls and beverages. We need you to bring a special dish that will add variety and spark to the meal. Freewill offering to cover additional expenses. **Host a Guest** – The Justice and Witness committee has invited families from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest to join us for our Thanksgiving meal and we invite your family to meet a visiting family and lead them through the line and share a table. Contact Mariam Fleming at 913-648-5848 or mariamfleming@gmail.com.

Serve the Homeless on Nov. 26. The Artists Helping the Homeless meal in the park on Sunday, November 26, can be a great family (or group) project. In November, AHH provides ham and turkey and Colonial provides the vegetable, potatoes (or alternative) and dessert. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m. on that day, so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m, all are usually on our way home. Call the church office at 913-362-7735 if you can help.

*Altar
Flowers*

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

2018 Altar Flowers. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our altar for your chosen Sunday in 2018. 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 or contact Hope Cotten at 816-273-8628 or hopelgarrett@gmail.com.

Help for Choir Concert. We need your help to provide soup, cookies or bread for the Colonial Choir Concert on Sunday, Dec. 10. Please sign up in the narthex this Sunday or contact Linda Moses to let her know what you can provide.

The Christmas Store Is Coming! We are starting sign-ups to work the Christmas Store this year. You may sign up on the chart in the narthex today or sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/cross-lines>.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase in the narthex following the 10:15 service today.

A Clear, Clean Path to Citizenship. There are 780,000 young people brought to the United States without documentation by their parents and now face deportation. They have completed high school and many have enrolled in colleges with scholarships. They pay taxes and contribute to their community. Some even have small children. This is the only country they know. Colonial Church has long supported these Dreamers and other immigration reform. Now we can do something specifically to help them. We can call our U.S. Representative and Senators and tell them we support the Clean Dream Act (House 3440 and Senate 1615). Angela Ferguson, a local immigration attorney, believes this legislation has a good chance to succeed. She urges us to call as often as we can because the congressional offices record the number of calls. Just tell the aides when they answer the phone: "I support the CLEAN Dream Act." These phone calls are a response to Micah's call "to do justice." Rep. Kevin Yoder: 202-225-2865; Sen. Pat Roberts: 202-224-4774; Sen. Jerry Moran: 202-224-6521.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Coffee.** Monday, December 4, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit
- **Luncheon Out.** Wednesday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., O'Neill's Restaurant in Ranchmart (95th and Mission Road). RSVP to Linda Moses.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m., at home of Glenna Loomis for a salad supper. Call Glenna at 913-362-1051 for details. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Festival – Children's Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cookoff and Dinner

Sunday, December 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Join us for the annual Advent Festival. We start with a Children's Pageant, followed by crafts and concluding with a Chili/Soup Cook-Off and meal (freewill donations accepted). Stay tuned for details. **Children's Christmas Pageant.** Once again a Christmas pageant presented by our Sunday school children will

be a part of the Advent Festival. All children, grandchildren and friends are encouraged to come to Sunday School over the next few weeks to be a part of this very entertaining presentation on Sunday, December 3, at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Camille Breckenridge, Sunday School Superintendent at camille.breckenridge@Colonialucc.org.

New Colonial Directories Available. New church directories have been distributed at the 10:15 worship service over the past few weeks. If you haven't gotten yours yet, stop by the church office or ask at the Hospitality Table on Sunday morning.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. 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!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, November 12

8:30 am—Worship
 9:00 am—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Living the Questions, Cambridge Room
 9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:00 am-1:00 pm—Colonial Bazaar, Social Hall
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate, Narthex

TUESDAY, November 14

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15

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

THURSDAY, November 16

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

FRIDAY, November 17

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, 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 online. 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 the Choir Room, 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 10:15am 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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