



(Camel used with permission by Raul Lieberwith.)

**Not one of us can rest, be happy, be at home, be at peace
with ourselves, until we end hatred and division.**

-John Lewis



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913-362-7735

November 25
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Disagreeable Discussions” Worship Service in the series *Dawn on Our Darkness*

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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A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Hymn 303**

“Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”

A hymn for Reign of Christ Sunday

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Leader: God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we judge others.

People: **We condemn people before we know them. We make assumptions and do not test them.**

Leader: Forgive us as this is not Your way.

People: **Forgive us, because we still carry the same sins in us that we point out in others.**

Leader: Forgive us when we fail.

People: **Forgive us when we fail to protect those who are harmed from hate speech. Forgive us when we allow the strangers among us to be imprisoned and forgotten.**

Leader: Forgive us, because we want to do the right thing, and we keep failing.

People **Teach us, O God, Your ways of love, justice, and mercy. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Our God is a God of restoration. From Genesis to Revelation, God is restoring what was lost. God is healing what was broken. God is renewing what was forgotten. God is restoring your heart. God is restoring your faith. God is restoring you, reclaiming you from the ways of the world. People of God, take heart!

People: **We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* Sung Response Gloria, hymn 759, adapted
Gloria 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

Word in Music

Come, Spirit, Come

Mary Kay Beall

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Speak No Evil – James 3:5-10

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell. People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

An Offense or a Challenge? – Mark 10:17-26

A man ran up, knelt before Jesus, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God.¹⁹ You know the commandments: Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother."

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn 388**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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

Rejoice Now, Beloved Christians

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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: Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will. 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 420

"We Praise You, O God"

A hymn for the continuing Thanksgiving weekend

* 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

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Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Bruce Wofford
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Sharon Yohn
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Mariam Fleming, Meredith Griffiths
Fellowship Host:	Linda Cunningham



The Sunday Crier

November 25, 2018

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.

Poinsettias for the Altar. Poinsettias will be placed on the altar for the Advent/Christmas season. You can order a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one by using the order form included, filling it out and placing it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office with payment. Cost is \$15. While we do not purchase a plant for every memorial, plants will be available to be taken home on Sunday, December 30.

Colonial Giving Tree. Make Christmas merrier for a child in need by donating gifts for Operation Breakthrough. More than 3,000 Kansas City children receive their Christmas gifts through this program. Pick an ornament off the giving tree in the narthex with specific items. Please bring unwrapped gifts back to Colonial by Sunday, December 9. New items only, please.

Advent Booklet. Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of the Christ child. An Advent booklet written by members of the congregation is available, one to a family. The cover art was created by our own Lisarae Turnbull. Pick yours up in the narthex.

Could You Help? The Board of Property Management would like to have additional volunteers to add to our list of Snow Removal People. We are compiling a list of people we could call when it snows on Saturday to clear only the sidewalks around the church for Sunday services. This would have to happen on a Sunday morning before the 8:30 service. Colonial does have a snow blower which will be tuned up and ready to go if we receive any snow. Please call (913-642-1335) or email (luvslife48@gmail.com) Linda Moses to join the team. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

*Altar
Flowers*

The altar flowers today are given by Jan Neustrom in loving memory of her son, Ned Neustrom.

2019 Altar Flowers. We only have 5 dates left for you to sign up – January 27, February 3, August 25, November 10 and December 29. 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.

Centering Prayer Update. Note this change: Starting in 2019, we're moving from the second to the third Sunday of the month. See you on Dec. 9 and Jan. 20.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Lunch Out.** Thursday, November 29, 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.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday Christmas.** Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m., Lin Vaughn's home (3108 W. 73rd St., Prairie Village). Bring either an appetizer or bottle of Joy. Call (913)961-1247 for directions or questions.

Advent Festival – Children's Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cook-off 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. Sign up to bring cookies at <https://tinyurl.com/festival-cookies> and start planning your entry in the cookoff. There will be prizes! **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 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>.

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.

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 December 23.

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 for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, November 25

8:30 am Worship
 9:00 am Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:15 Tween Squad, Salem Room
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
 11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
 2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

MONDAY, November 26

9:30 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, November 27

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room
 1:00 pm Solar Task Force, Oberlin Room

WEDNESDAY, November 28

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
 6:00 pm Board of Worship, Heritage Room
 7:00 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, November 29

10:00 am Bible Study
 12:45 pm Colonial Women Lunch, Henry’s Tearoom
 6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, November 30

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 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 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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POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Poinsettias will be placed on the altar for the Advent/Christmas season. You can order a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one by filling out the order form below and placing it in the offering plate. Cost is \$15. While we do not purchase a plant for every memorial, plants will be available to be taken home on Sunday, December 30.

Your name _____

In Memory/Honor of (circle one): _____

\$15 per poinsettia. \$_____ enclosed.

Colonial Offering Envelope No. (if you have one) _____