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**There is too much theology in the Church now,
and too little of the Gospel.** -Lewis Tappan



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November 5, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “The Amistad: Struggle for Justice” All Saints 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

Prelude

-Vierne

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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People: God is good!

* **Opening Hymn #299**

For All the Saints

We Remember in Our Holy Meal

All Saints Sunday Communion Prayer

Leader: God is in this place.

People: And in our hearts.

Leader: Open yourself to the nudging God.

People: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Leader: Remember God made flesh.

People: Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Leader: Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,

People: To taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Leader: Time and time again you've offered your grace,

People: Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.

Leader: You have never left us.

People: We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful.

Leader: We give thanks for this time of celebration.

People: For the One this meal remembers. For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: With those who have gone before us,

**People: Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.**

Remembering and Celebrating the Light of the Saints

(A saint is anyone who lives as a follower of Jesus Christ. On this special Sunday, we light candles as we remember the saints in our community who have died, and we also celebrate the new journeys with Christ which have begun this past year. For those households who wish to light a candle for a particular person, you are welcome to come forward. Otherwise, a worship leader will light the candles as the names are read.)

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row. Our choir will sing *As the Disciples* by Bristol as we go forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Remind us today that in order to run this race we must be fed spiritually as well as physically. God, thank you for your sustaining presence in this meal, in our lives, and in one another. 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 Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

A Clobber Verse for Slavery

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling and with sincere devotion to Christ.

A Clobber Verse for Misogyny

1 Corinthians 14:33-35 God isn't a God of disorder but of peace. Like in all the churches of God's people, the women should be quiet during the meeting. They are not allowed to talk. Instead, they need to get under control, just as the Law says. If they want to learn something, they should ask their husbands at home. It is disgraceful for a woman to talk during the meeting.

A Clobber Verse for Anti-homosexuality

Leviticus 20:13 If a man has sexual intercourse with a man as he would with a woman, the two of them have done something detestable. They must be executed; their blood is on their own heads.

Jesus is Not Nice at Dinner

Luke 12:37-46 A Pharisee invited him to share a meal with him, so Jesus went and took his place at the table. When the Pharisee saw that Jesus didn't ritually purify his hands by washing before the meal, he was astonished. The Lord said to him, "Now, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and platter, but your insides are stuffed with greed and wickedness. Foolish people! Didn't the one who made the outside also make the inside? Therefore, give to those in need from the core of who you are and you will be clean all over.

How terrible for you Pharisees! You give a tenth of your mint, rue, and garden herbs of all kinds, while **neglecting justice and love for God**. These you ought to have done without neglecting the others.

How terrible for you Pharisees! You love the most prominent seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

How terrible for you! You are like unmarked graves, and people walk on them without recognizing it."

One of the legal experts responded, "Teacher, when you say these things, you are insulting us too."

Jesus said, "How terrible for you legal experts too! You load people down with impossible burdens and you refuse to lift a single finger to help them.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #381

Faith of the Martyrs

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

"Together We Make A Difference" Pledge Campaign Message -Cheri Van Orman
(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. Bob Gross

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence.

Use us and our gifts to accomplish your just mission in the world.

Multiply our effort to meet every need.

**This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. 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.

We Depart to Serve

* Hymn #584

I Am the Light of the World

* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our 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, 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**

Fredericktown

-Powell

Liturgist:

Bruce Wofford

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Martha Wofford

Hospitality Table:

Elizabeth Uppman

Head Usher:

Howard Lee

Ushers:

Rosalie Henry, Howard Lee

Cindy Lafferty, Marion Taylor

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember the members and friends of our church family who died during the past year or were requested to be remembered. We also celebrate the new lives of those whose journeys have begun during this period.

BAPTISMS

Theodore Arthur Akright, April 30, 2017
 Charles Bodhi Blake, July 9, 2017
 George Everett Donnelly, December 25, 2016
 Michael Jarrett Knoll, May 14, 2017
 Kelvin Marshall Kromnacker, March 12, 2017
 Cecily Hope Lanigan, June 18, 2017
 Jenna Swan, May 21, 2017

BIRTHS

Levi Ramiro-John Chavez, March 28, 2017
 Iris Amelia Johnston, September 13, 2017
 Michael Jarrett Knoll, November 21, 2016
 Cecily Hope Lanigan, February 23, 2017
 Mila Elan Punttenney, March 16, 2017

DEATHS

Paul H. Bowman, December 5, 2008
 Norman J. Edwards, September 20, 2016.
 Mary Greenhaw, December 13, 2016
 Richard Grossman, March 18, 2016
 Jennifer Johnson Kieltyka, May 26, 2017
 Dale Kuhn, April 12, 2017
 John Marsh Jr., April 3, 2017
 Moyne Mohs, September 25, 2017
 Dolores Neese, May 14, 2017
 Agnes Sims Pittman, April 30, 2016
 Stephanie Rene Schmidt, July 1, 1993
 Larry Snail, March 22, 2017
 Sally Snail, May 3, 2014
 Kelly Uppman, April 4, 2017



The Sunday Crier

November 5, 2017

Holiday Bazaar Is Next Saturday and Sunday!

Be sure to stop by next Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:00 until 3:00 or Sunday from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Besides all the great vendors, we have a Silent Auction with gift cards from these fine merchants in the Village Shops across the street: Café Provence; Einstein Brothers Bagels; TCBY-The Country's Best Yogurt; gift baskets from the French Market and Rimann Liquors; fresh-baked pie from Elizabeth Uppman; Salt Caraway Crescent Rolls and cinnamon rolls from Marilyn Uppman; Giuseppe Armani figurine, Christmas decorations and a fountain donated by Kar Woo.

Colonial Friends to Lawrence. This month Colonial Friends head up the road to Lawrence, KS. Our destination will be the Watkins Museum of History in downtown Lawrence and the new DeBruce Center and adjoining Booth Family Hall of Athletics on the KU campus. The date is Wednesday, November 15. Unless you prefer to drive yourself, meet at 9:00 AM in the Oak Park Mall north parking lot in front of the Barnes & Noble book store. There will be plenty of room for those who would rather not drive to Lawrence. The tour at Watkins Museum will start at 10 AM. After our visits we will lunch at Jack's Bar-B-Que on 23rd Street. Both visits are free, however our tour guide at Watkins would probably appreciate a small tip. Bring money for lunch and some small change to feed the parking meters. Call or email Bob Starcke at 913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com. Hope to see you! Bring your friends!

Thanksgiving Dinner. Join your Colonial family for Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, November 19, at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Board of Parish Life will provide the traditional elements of the meal: 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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by MARYLEE BATTAGLIA in memory of Dora Swain.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee.** Monday, November 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit
- **Book Group.** Friday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

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.

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 on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be Sunday, November 12.

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!

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 November 26. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>. 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 and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Save the Dates:

- **Colonial Christmas Concert** – December 10, 5:00 p.m., sanctuary. Childcare available. Soup supper following.
 - **Longest Night Communion Worship Service** – December 21, 7:00 p.m. Our Longest Night service honors the feeling that a number of us have about this season. It is the "long, dark night of the soul," "the winter of our discontent," in which memories of past experiences and present experiences can become painful. This is a special service to be with God in Spirit and in Truth.
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The Week Ahead

TODAY, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

8:30 am—Worship
 9:00 am—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Fellowship, Heritage Room

MONDAY, November 6

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, November 7

8:00 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins
 9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, November 8

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 9:30 am—Writers Group, Heritage Room
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Founders Chapel

THURSDAY, November 9

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

FRIDAY, November 10

7:00 pm—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren's home

SATURDAY, November 11

11:00 am-3:00 pm—Colonial Bazaar, Social Hall

SUNDAY, 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
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate, Narthex
 11:00 am-1:00 pm—Colonial Bazaar, 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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