



*(First Baptist minister John Smyth used with public domain permission.)*

**Are you alone wise?**

**-Martin Luther**



**Colonial Church**

*in Prairie Village*

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October 15, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“John Smyth: The Choice to Be Baptized” Sunday Worship Service  
in the series *The Year Was 1517...***

*Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.*

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Laudate Dominum*

-Cherwin

**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 #108 *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old***

\* **A Time of Confession - A Prophecy of Isaiah 5**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Doom to you who buy up all the houses and grab all the land for yourselves—evicting people, posting “No Trespassing” signs,  
Taking over the country, leaving the poor homeless and landless.**

**Doom to those who call evil good and good evil,  
who present darkness as light and light as darkness,  
who make bitterness sweet and sweetness bitter.**

**Doom to those who wise in their own eyes,  
who think of themselves as clever.**

**Doom to the wine-swigging warriors, mighty at mixing drinks,  
who spare the guilty for bribes, and rob the innocent of their rights.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

**\* 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**

*I'll Praise My Maker*

-Lloyd Pfautsch

### **A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **“Stay on Target” - Don't Get Distracted**

**1 Timothy 1:3-6** I asked you to stay behind in Ephesus so that you could instruct certain individuals not to spread wrong teaching. They shouldn't pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. Their teaching only causes useless guessing games instead of faithfulness to God's way of doing things. The goal of instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. Because they missed this goal, some people have been distracted by talk that doesn't mean anything.

#### **Where is the Church that Can Offer a True Baptism?**

"Baptism is not washing with water, but it is the baptism of the Spirit, the confession of the mouth, and the washing with water: how then can any man without great folly wash with water which is the least and last of baptism?"

-John Smyth in *The Character of the Beast*

#### **One Body**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-18** Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like God wanted.

## **Spiritual Baptism of Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations**

**Ephesians 4:1-6** I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

### **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #388

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Unto Thee I Cry, O Lord Jesus*

-Dupre

(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

-written by Rev. Bob Gross

**Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in 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 #533**

***Children of God***

(This week is our Rummage Sale and a special Molly's Table event.  
As we serve our neighbors in these ministries, may our final hymn today  
be a blessing.)

**\* 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**

*Cwm Rhondda*

-Carlson

Liturgist:	Cheri Van Orman
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Children's Conversation:	Bob Starcke
Hospitality Table:	Mary Pelton
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Randy Freeman, Sue Freeman Linda Moses, Bill Sanderson

United Church of Christ Mission Moment for October 15, 2017  
Praiseworthy Living - Philippians 4:1-9

Have you ever had a bad fight with a friend? Can you remember what started it? Hurt feelings? Misunderstanding? Stupidity? We all have the capacity to act like a jerk . . . sometimes. In the busy days and pressure of our own lives, we can be thoughtless. Each of us can. None of us is perfect. None of us has completely pure intentions always. When mistakes happen, it can be heartbreakingly difficult to disengage and disentangle our feelings for justification. We want those with whom we are in conflict to stop, turn back, and say, "I'm sorry. You were right."

But does that ever happen? Sometimes we need help to have difficult conversations and to move toward reconciliation. People that work in conflict resolution and mediation often say that conflicts are rarely resolved, but they are honestly looked at and people find ways to move forward, to work together, and, sometimes, to reconnect and reaffirm the relationship as whole and positive . . . once again.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he specifically mentions two women with ancient and unfamiliar names, Euodia and Syntyche. We know nothing about these women except that their relationship is in jeopardy. It must have been especially difficult for Paul because he was writing this letter from prison. Under normal circumstances, it's hard to watch people we care about fight, but even harder if you are separated by distance and incapacity. As Paul's letter testifies, people within Christian communities do sometimes disagree and sometimes hurt each other. The question for us, as Christian communities, is not why we fight but how we address disagreements and how we journey toward consensus and hope and just relationships within our congregations.

The Conferences of the United Church of Christ have resources for churches that help us talk to each other through the things that divide us. The New York and Wisconsin Conferences, among others, have teams of trained mediators ready to help churches. In 2017, the Southeast Conference of the UCC organized a "Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders." This training was available for lay leaders as well as clergy and will be an ongoing Continuing Education opportunity for everyone. Wherever your church is situated, you will find that your Conference has people and programs to help you through difficulties.

Paul asks the Philippians to help those women because they had struggled with him in the work of the Gospel. We are all doing the same work. Let hope in reconciliation always be our guide.



# *The Sunday Crier*

October 15, 2017

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## **Rummage Sale Is Here!**

- **Last Day for Donations - Today, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
- **Public Sale**—Tuesday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, October 18-19, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, October 20, 9:00 a.m.-noon.
- **Volunteers Still Needed!!** We have several slots with no workers. For this to be a successful sale, we need your help. Please sign up in the narthex.

**Colonial Friends to Redrock Canyon Grill.** We have decided to try something different this year. Every other month Colonial Friends will do lunch only. In October, we are going to the Redrock Canyon Grill, 13505 Metcalf (southeast corner of Metcalf and 135th St). Be there Wednesday, October 25, at 11:15 a.m. A room on the west side has been reserved. Please RSVP to Bill and Sharon Yohn (hohum2@comcast.net).

**Dialogue Institute Invitation to Brunch.** You still have time to join in The Dialogue Institute of the Southwest brunch on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the institute (4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas). Vern Barnett, founder of the Kansas City Interfaith Council, will speak on "The Healing Power of World Religions." Do not miss this unique time to hear an interesting speaker, strengthen friendships and enjoy a delicious meal. RSVP by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or online at <http://tinyurl.com/dialogue-brunch>

**Save the Date – All Church Game Night!** Mark your calendars for an all-church game night on Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. What's your favorite board game? Do you have a game you'd like to play? All ages will enjoy this evening to learn new games and play old favorites. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers. Bring a snack to share. Watch for more information soon.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by LINDA MOSES AND FAMILY in memory of Tom Moses.

**Participate in Thursday Noon Bible Study from Your Home or Office.** Our Bible Study is now online! To participate, each Thursday at noon either go to <https://zoom.us/j/684548229> on your computer or call in at 646-558-8656 with meeting ID 684-548-229. In October, we are beginning a special study on Paul's letter to the Romans to honor the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To sign up to get the lesson in advance, express your interest at <https://goo.gl/bKLAZa>.

**Just Wages/Just Faith.** On Saturday, November 4, Village Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a discussion about fair compensation for workers as well as employer perspectives. The panel discussion begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes a labor law attorney, small business owner and fast food workers and is moderated by Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor at Village. Village is at 6641 Mission Road.

**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 October 22. 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> or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so 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.

**Colonial's 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar.** Colonial's 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar is November 11 and 12. This event opens our doors to the community by offering gift ideas, warm food and a sweet treat! Plus 10% of all sales go to the Board of Outreach. We are still looking for a volunteer or two for the following activities: planning, advertising, placing of signs and table set-up. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time. If interested in helping, contact Heather in the office, Kim Mann ([kim@mannmadedesign.com](mailto:kim@mannmadedesign.com)) or Lisarae Turnbull ([lisaraephoto@me.com](mailto:lisaraephoto@me.com)).

### **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.

**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.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, October 15**

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Fellowship, Heritage Room

11:30 am-4:00 pm—Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off, Social Hall

### **TUESDAY, October 17**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

9:00 am-7:00 pm—Rummage Sale Open to Public

### **WEDNESDAY, October 18**

9:00 am-6:00 pm—Rummage Sale Open to Public

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

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Founders Chapel

### **THURSDAY, October 19**

9:00 am-6:00 pm—Rummage Sale Open to Public

12:00 pm—Bible Study

5:00 pm—Molly's Table, Heritage Room

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

### **FRIDAY, October 20**

9:00 am-noon—Rummage Sale Open to Public

### **SATURDAY, October 21**

7:00 pm-8:00 am Sunday—Youth Group Lock-In, Youtz Room

### **SUNDAY, October 22**

8:30 am—Worship

9:00 am—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Fellowship, Heritage Room

2:30 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall Kitchen

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://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](http://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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