



(Pothawira Sign used with permission by Dr. Stacey Algren)

When you encourage others, you in the process are encouraged because you're making a commitment and difference in that person's life. Encouragement really does make a difference.

-Zig Ziglar



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October 1, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Transformation” World Communion Sunday Worship Service**

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 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 #332** *As We Gather at Your Table*

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Called to follow Christ, we are called to a life of humility.

But what does that even mean?

Do we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others?

Does our sense of success depend on someone else’s failure?

Does our love of God entirely guide our relationships?

**Do we twist service into convenience and leisure,
ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant?**

Disturb the habits of our sin, O God.

Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin’s embrace.

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 Scripture

Encouragement to a Life of Service

Philippians 2:2-11 if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But, he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Your Time is Now

Esther 4:14 “For if you keep silence now, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”

A Word Proclaimed

-Dr. Stacey Algren

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer

Leader: May God be with you

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift your hearts

People: We lift them up to God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

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. As we receive this meal, the choir will sing *In the Silence of This Moment* by Suo-Gan.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us.

Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *These are the Ten Holy Commandments* -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

**These gifts represent the best of ourselves, O God – we attest, with joy,
 that we can do no better.
 Receive them with our prayers.
 Take and use them for your goodness.
 In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 #376** *God, We Thank You for Our People*

Chapel Consecration

(We are going to walk around to the outside entrance of the new chapel. It is the original worship space of the Colonial Church community restored. It also is the weekly worship space for Temple Sinai, a Jewish community led by Rabbi Stuart Davis. Together, he and Pastor Aaron will bless and re-consecrate this chapel to the worship and honor of God.)

* **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**

Liturgist:	Carrie Roberts
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Bruce Wofford
Ushers:	Rosalie Henry, Mary Pelton Jayne Quimby, Bruce Wofford



The Sunday Crier

October 1, 2017

White Privilege Discussion. The news about race relations has recently been sometimes frightening and sometimes confusing. The series "**Let's Talk**" discussions on the topic of white privilege will renew this Fall at 11:30 a.m. after our Sunday worship services. If you participated last season, you already have a feel for the importance and depth of experience the sessions have already revealed. Discussions will be:

- October 1 - Recap, Sharing of Our Spiritual Autobiographies, Chapter 1 of Part II
- October 22 - Chapters 2 and 3
- October 29 - Chapters 4 and 5

If you didn't take part in the discussions earlier this year, you can add yourself at <https://goo.gl/wGzVXg> and download the materials at (<http://privilege.uccpages.org/>), read Part I to write your own "Spiritual Autobiography." Only you have your unique experience and perspective which only you are capable of properly sharing. Your story is important. You will be a valuable addition to the discussion. If you took part in Part I, bring your Spiritual Autobiography to our October 1 discussion. Each session will be about 2 hours and we'll have a pizza lunch.

Forum on Immigration Reform – October 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. 800,000 Dreamers' futures are in jeopardy. The national discussion on comprehensive immigration reform must be a priority, and legislators from Kansas and Missouri are central to this complex issue. We are coming together with an expert panel to discuss what immigration legislation should look like on this vital issue of our day. Hosted by Colonial Church. Sponsored by MORE2, Mainstream Coalition, and AIRR.

Men's Breakfast Club. At the meeting on Tuesday, October 3, the club's Poet Laureate, Ancel Neuburger, will explain lyric poetry and describe some of the devices used before sharing some of his works that illustrate those devices, many delving into the struggle to understand God and Jesus. Guests, wives and other Colonial Women are invited. The group meets at Perkins at 87th St. and I-35.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by JANE AND JIM WHILES.

Neighbors in Need Offering. Neighbors in Need is a UCC special offering used in the United States for justice and witness work, and for the Council for American Indian Ministries. The work is important and the help is real. Join us in this important ministry! Make your check payable to Colonial Church with "NIN" in the memo.

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).

Dining Out Group. This fall we are trying something new: Dining Out Groups. In October and November, each group of 5-8 adults (or groups of 5-12 for families) will meet at a specified restaurant for food and fellowship. There are several Adult-Only Dining Out Groups, as well as two Family Fun Groups. We ask that each group stay together for both months to provide continuity as well as an opportunity to try two different restaurants. To sign up, go to <http://www.colonialucc.org/dining-out-groups.html>

Rummage Sale Information. The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching (Oct. 17-20) so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 8 and Thursday, Oct. 12–Sunday, Oct. 15. Start collecting your items and remember hangers—we find that clothing is much more profitable if it is clean, wrinkle-free and on hangers. Pick up a flyer in the narthex about donations. **Monetary Donations**—We are also accepting donations to help defray the cost of advertising and food for volunteers. Any amount is accepted. Mark your check payable to Colonial Women. **Volunteers**—We need people to help. Please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage17>

Dialogue Institute Invitation to Brunch. The Dialogue Institute of the Southwest has invited Colonial to a 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>

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee.** Monday, October 2, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit
- **Book Group.** Friday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton. Everyone is welcome.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, October 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

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) or Lisarae Turnbull (lisaraephoto@me.com).

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>.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, October 1

8:30 am—Worship
 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—Chapel Dedication
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

MONDAY, October 2

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, October 3

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

WEDNESDAY, October 4

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

THURSDAY, October 5

12:00 pm—Bible Study
 4:00 pm—Justice & Witness Committee, Library
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, October 6

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall
 7:00 pm—Colonial Women Book Group, Stephanie Graff's home

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, bulletin and study guide 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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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