



A Christian people is one in which heathenism and national egoism are broken, judged, and purified by the Spirit of Christ.

-Karl Barth

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October 22, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Karl Barth: A Reformed John Calvin” 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

Lasset uns mid Jesu ziehen

-Gieschen

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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* **Special Music**

Songs of the Promise

-arr. Patti Drennan

Laurel Mundell, Kathy Huey, Aaron Hill, Phil Eatherton

* **A Time of Confession—Psalm 8: An Accurate Picture of Human Beings?**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**When I look up at your skies,
 at what your fingers made—
 the moon and the stars
 that you set firmly in place—
 what are human beings
 that you think about them;
 what are human beings
 that you pay attention to them?**

**You've made them only slightly
 less than divine,
 crowning them with glory and grandeur.
 You've let them rule
 over your handiwork,
 putting everything under their feet—
 all sheep and all cattle,
 the wild animals too,
 the birds in the sky,
 the fish of the ocean,
 everything that travels
 the pathways of the sea.**

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

O Men of God, Be Strong

-Eugene Butler

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

One Nation, But Not Under God

Genesis 11:1-9 All people on the earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them hard.” They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, “Come, let’s build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let’s make a name for ourselves so that we won’t be dispersed over all the earth.”

Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the LORD said, “There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let’s go down and mix up their language there so they won’t understand each other’s language.” Then the LORD dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the LORD mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD dispersed them over all the earth.

Where’s the Sin in Building the Tower?

Barth saw the sin as the “arrogance of thinking that man himself can and must take himself as he takes the brick and mortar, and make himself the lord of his history, constituting the work of providence of his own work.”

A Simple Commandment—“Be Perfect”

Matthew 5:44-48 “Love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**”

Unity One Day Restored

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #576

For the Healing of the Nations

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

“Let’s Stick Together” Pledge Campaign Message

(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 -Adapted from Christian Resources for Children’s Sabbath

O God, help us to recover our hope for our children’s sake.

Help us to recover our courage for our children’s sake.

Help us to recover our discipline for our children’s sake.

Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children’s sake.

Help us to recover our values for our children’s sake.

Help us to recover our faith in you for our children’s sake. 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 #607

We Would Be Building

* **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** *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir* -Pachelbel

Liturgist:	Bekki Walsh
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Jan Parkinson
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Doug Welch
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Loren Griffith Doug Welch, Bill Yohn

United Church of Christ Mission Moment for October 22, 2017
Living Messages Exodus 33:12-23 • I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul puts a lot of pressure on those Thessalonians. He begins his letter with a whole list of all the wondrous ways they are doing ministry. Of course, high on that list, is the fact that they are imitating Paul in their willingness to be persecuted and offer themselves as living examples to that end. Most clergy, these days, are probably glad that the prevailing world empire no longer has coliseums for throwing Christians, or anybody, into lions' dens. If we did, it would probably further depress the rates of young people entering seminaries. But even without the lions, clergy have a difficult task.

Yes, Paul faced lots of issues around the care and feeding of congregations, but even he might be astounded at the expectations of today's pastor. A 21st century reverend has got to be team leader, CEO, administrator, public relations expert, spiritual counselor, social worker, mediator and brilliant speaker, storyteller and an all-around great communicator. They should also be adept with children, babies and older members, and be both young and funny and experienced and wise! Sometimes pastor's families feel the stress of being "on display," and pastors are often expected to be always available.

The good news is that support and resources are a phone call away. Our UCC Conferences have developed programs providing opportunities for clergy to continue to grow and flourish in ministry. This is good for churches. This is good for all of us.

Back in 2000, the power of having "Communities of Practice" nurtured in corporate culture was extolled in the pages of the *Harvard Business Review*. Such communities provided places for creative employees to gather around topics of joint interest and learn from one another in an organized yet informal small group. It would be a place where ideas could be shared, people could risk in a safe and confidential setting, and interdepartmental cooperation could be fostered. This idea is currently at play in many of our UCC Conferences. Communities of Practice, a part of the Pastoral Excellence Program, are organized around kinds of ministry, and interests of pastors. Meetings are scheduled by the Conferences. More than simply support groups, these practice communities work at creating an attitude of discipline and ongoing education around the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective pastor in the 21st century.

For Paul's world, there was risk to ministry. That risk was a risk of persecution. At least for today, our risk is that our clergy will get complacent and burn out from lack of challenge and constant availability. Communities of Practice are a way to support our ministry together.

Why don't you ask your pastor if there is a Community of Practice in your Conference for them?



The Sunday Crier

October 22, 2017

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.

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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by ART AND MARIANNE FOSTER in celebration of their anniversary

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>.

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> 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) or Lisarae Turnbull (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.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, 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
 2:00 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall Kitchen

TUESDAY, October 24

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room
 10:00 am—Holiday Bazaar Meeting, Oberlin Room

WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 11:15 am—Colonial Friends, Redrock Canyon Grill
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Founders Chapel

THURSDAY, October 26

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room
 12:00 pm—Bible Study
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SATURDAY, October 28

10:30 am—Dialogue Institute Brunch

SUNDAY, October 29

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

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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