



**A sense of humor  
is 70% of salvation.**

**-Rev. Molly Baskette**

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permission by Molly Baskette.)*



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October 29, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“Ready for the Next 500 Years? Be Brave!” 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**

*Tocatta in D minor BWV 565*

-J.S. Bach

**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 #43**    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* **A Time of Confession—Worship Without Spirit and Truth?**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**If we claim, “We don’t have any sin,” we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we’ve done wrong.**

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**

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

-Young

**A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

### **Jesus is Tired and Cranky**

**Matthew 15:21-28** Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

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

**A Vision for Church**

*Brave*

-Sara Bareilles

**A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

"Together We Make A Difference" Pledge Campaign Message -Jayne Quimby  
(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

**Anyone who has ever loved knows that to love is to give – to give from the place we feel it most.**

**This giving may be sacrificial, but the sacrifice is compromised if it cannot be done joyfully.**

**So, we pray for a spirit of joy as we give out of love. 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 #378

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

\* **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** *Fugue in D minor BWV 565*

-J.S. Bach

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Pastor Aaron Roberts

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United Church of Christ Mission Moment for October 29, 2017  
The Compassionate Life  
Exodus 34:1-12 • Matthew 22:34-46

Jesus could have been a great Twitter warrior, sending zingers right and left. Today's story from Matthew begins just after he had "silenced" the Sadducees. Wouldn't it be great to have that ability? To be able to quiet all those who use obnoxious speech on Facebook? Or create a pause in the "mansplaining" (though women can do it, too) around the table at family gatherings? To be able to create a breath or pause in the onslaught of political name-calling and absolutisms that swirl around this world in which we live? Oh yes, that would be swell.

We could go back to Matthew's Gospel and see just what Jesus did, and bring that way of being into our own relationships with those who oppose us and get in our face about it. After all, that's what the Sadducees did. They "got in his face" by asking a ridiculous question. Of course, Jesus has a perfect answer and they go away silenced. But that skill—to respond immediately with exactly the right words—is not one we all share. Most of us get tongue-tied.

There are other ways to have civil conversations with those who disagree with us besides "silencing them" with a brilliant retort. Probably a good beginning is to decide what you want from the encounter. Is it about winning? Or is it about continuing the relationship? If you want to continue the relationship then the first step is probably to take a few deep breaths and then proceed with empathy and hope in our shared humanity.

One way toward silencing hurtful or bullying speech requires developing a kind of compassionate curiosity. If we know that others are human like us, share the same connection to God and all things, and have feelings and want to be understood just like us, then we might approach an uncomfortable encounter with a genuine desire to understand what brings that person to speak as they do.

Keystone United Church of Christ in Seattle hosted a workshop last spring called, "Bridging the Divide: Constructive Communication in

Difficult Times.” Open to anyone willing to pay the nominal fee, it was facilitated by people trained in mediation and conflict. What a gift to the community in these divided and polarized times! The workshop offered training for individuals in listening with a purpose, developing awareness under stress and finding healthy ways to engage with difficult conversations. This is a model of how our church buildings can be used as resources for continuing education in our neighborhoods, helping all of us learn skills, build relationships and create a better world in service to the Gospel.



## *The Sunday Crier*

October 29, 2017

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**All Church Game Night!** Mark your calendars for an all-church game night next 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.

**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.

**All Saints Sunday.** We will remember the members and friends of our church family who died during the year next Sunday, November 5. We will also celebrate the new lives of those who have come into our community of faith through this period. If there is a loved one you would like to have remembered in our worship service, please contact the church office: [heather.winker@colonialucc.org](mailto:heather.winker@colonialucc.org) by Wednesday, Nov. 1.

**Colonial's 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar.** Please join us for our 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. 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. An accompanying silent auction includes gift certificates, homemade pies, salt caraway crescent rolls, cinnamon rolls and more.

**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](mailto:camille.breckenridge@Colonialucc.org).

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by BENJAMIN AND HEATHER BRASEL AND FAMILY in celebration of their family.

**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. There will be a freewill offering to cover additional expenses.

**Opportunity Is Knocking.** The Justice and Witness committee has invited families from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest to join us for our Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 19 when you can host a family here in the church. Your family will meet a visiting family and you can lead them through the line and share a table. You can also invite a family to join you in your home celebration with more time to share. Please let a member of the committee know that you would like to be a part of this activity and we will give you the names of those who will be your guests either at the church meal or in your home. Contact Mariam Fleming at [mariamfleming@gmail.com](mailto:mariamfleming@gmail.com) or 913-648-5848. Those who hosted a family last year gave positive reports about their meaningful exchange of thoughts and traditions. There can be no better way to understand another Abrahamic religion than to talk with friends who live that life.

**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 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 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 29**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:00 am—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Fellowship, Heritage Room  
 11:15—White Privilege Discussion, Social Hall

### **MONDAY, October 30**

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

### **TUESDAY, October 31**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, November 1**

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

### **THURSDAY, November 2**

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

### **FRIDAY, November 3**

8:30 am—Quiltmakers Social Hall

### **SATURDAY, November 4**

6:30 pm—Game Night, Social Hall

### **SUNDAY, 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

*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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