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**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the
only thing that ever has.** -Margaret Mead



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October 7, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“A Small Group of Thoughtful, Committed People”
World Communion Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Saint Rogers*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Yigdal

Proulx

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to bring to the clergy and/or congregation. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Hymn 347** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*** Sharing God’s Welcome**

Please take a moment to 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 in worship or to participate in our Sunday School program. As the children gather and disperse, the congregation sings together:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. (Repeat 3 times.)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice.

You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.

Communion Anthem

In the Silence of This Moment

Suo-Gan

Arranged by D. Wager

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Holy One, may we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by the hands of God. May we be as wine of the Spirit, poured out that others might know joy. Love be the leaven within. Love be the flavor of thought and word and deed. Peace be among us. Amen.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Jesus Goes Recruiting — John 1:45-50

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph’s son, from Nazareth.”

Nathanael responded, “Can anything from Nazareth be good?”

Philip said, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s Son. You are the king of Israel.”

Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these!

Peter’s Prejudice is Challenged — Acts of the Apostles 10:28-36

[Peter said,] “God has shown me that I should never call a person impure or unclean. For this reason, when you sent for me, I came without objection. I want to know, then, why you sent for me.”

[The Centurion] Cornelius answered, “Four days ago at this same time, three o’clock in the afternoon, I was praying at home. Suddenly a man in radiant clothing stood before me. He said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayers, and your compassionate acts are like a memorial offering to him. Therefore, send someone to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, located near the seacoast.’ I sent for you right away, and you were kind enough to come. Now, here we are, gathered in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has directed you to say.”

Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all!”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Our weekly offering includes food items collected in the red wagon to help fill our local food pantries.

Offertory

Our Father in Heaven

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Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

* Blessing the Offering

People: O God, bless in every way the gifts of your people. Enrich the ministries of love which we proclaim to all in this world. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

*Believing that each joy and 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 the name for God that you find most meaningful which may include Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc. The diversity of 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.

Celebrating One of Colonial's Unsung Heroes

Marilyn Uppman

We Depart to Serve

* Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown; will you let my name be known; will you
 stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
 clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
 found to re - shape the world a - round, through my
 go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*** Renewing Our Covenant**

You are invited to turn towards the center aisle and bless one another with the promise of the Colonial 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 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

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Ancel Neuburger
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Marsha Owen
Head Usher:	Stacy Kern
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Mariam Fleming Stacy Kern, Linda Moses
Fellowship Host:	Martha Wofford

Enfolding Love: A UCC Mission Moment

Mark 10:2-16

What were you doing in fifth grade? In Orange County, NC there is an embodiment of Love of Children and Love of Neighbor and she's in 5th grade. She is a member of the Hillsboro United Church of Christ. Instead of Christmas presents last year she asked for blankets and socks for people in the local homeless shelter. She's been doing this kind of thing since she was seven years old. For her seventh birthday she got 71 coats delivered to the shelter. This year she's headed to a family shelter to read to the children.

Maya's mom is a single mother and when asked where Maya developed her boundless love, her mom says it was the church that helped raise her. How much more love our churches could share if we raised all our children this way. Maya sees that she has enough for her life and the joy she takes in giving is palpable to all who see her.

Love of Neighbor should be visible. It is the way Jesus is resurrected into the world, through the church, through the way we raise our children, through how we show love.

Dorothee Soelle, was a theologian and Professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She wrote a poem about Jesus needing us called *Not Without You*. This is an excerpt:

*Help him
that's what faith is
he can't bring it about
his kingdom
couldn't then couldn't later can't now
not at any rate without you
and that is his irresistible appeal*

This is a good way to think about our campaign for “A Just World” and “Three Great Loves.” We are the expressed love of Jesus to the world. We are his hands. When we read in the Gospels that Jesus said we should receive the Realm of God like a child, we can imagine the love of Maya and the tears of joy she sheds because people who were cold are now warm.

You can read more stories like Maya's, and get a tool kit about the Three Great Loves Campaign by going to 3greatloves.uccpages.org.



The Sunday Crier

October 7, 2018

Rummage Drop Off Begins Today

The Colonial Rummage Sale is here so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are today through next Sunday, Oct. 14. 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 for a list of do’s and don’ts for donations. The sale is October 16-19.

Volunteer—Set up begins on Tuesday. Anyone interested in helping out whether for a few hours, a few days, or for the long haul, may sign up in the narthex today or online at tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage18.

Prepare Volunteer Food—Our volunteers need to eat! Please contact Kendra Morrison (913-441-6246).

Monetary Donations—We are also accepting donations to help defray the cost of advertising and food for volunteers. Any amount is accepted. Make your check payable to Colonial Women with “rummage sale” in the memo.

Molly’s Table Volunteers. Volunteers are needed for Molly’s Table on Thursday, October 18. Our friends from Sheffield Place will be treated to a pizza dinner. Then they get to shop for free at the Rummage Sale. There are a variety of ways you can be involved. In addition to food donations, we need event hosts to help the moms pack up their merchandise and treasures. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of others. Visit the SignUpGenius link – <https://tinyurl.com/sheffield-october> or contact Jeni Cosgrove (jeni@jimcosgrove.com) for more information.

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. Make your check payable to Colonial Church with “NIN” in the memo.

Member Directory. Please pick up your Colonial directory at the hospitality table in the narthex. We have enough for one per family.

*Altar
Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given by Shelley Barenklau and Heather Drake in memory of Earl Barenklau.

Healthcare Policy 101: Medicare for All. October 21, 9:15 a.m., Social Hall. The Church has always understood itself to be an extension of Jesus Christ's ministry in the world, including the ministry of healing. For more than 35 years the General Assembly of the United Church of Christ has advocated for health care as a right and priority for all people. It recognizes the high cost of healthcare in America leaves many people unable to afford treatment when they become sick or injured. The Colonial Justice and Witness Committee believes believe in exploring answers to this injustice. Lori Slettehaugh will speak on Sunday, October 21, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Lori will outline the current challenges related to healthcare coverage, costs and outcomes in America, followed by a discussion of how Medicare for All would differ from the current Medicare and proposed funding sources.

Blessing of the Animals: Colonial will celebrate the blessing of the animals at our next Dinner Church gathering on Tuesday, October 16. Your family pets and working animals are invited to join us. We will gather for a few snacks for the people and treats for the pets at 6:00 p.m. in and outside of Founder's Chapel. A recommended donation of \$5 per person is requested to cover the cost of the meal. Future Dinner Church dates include Monday, November 5; Tuesday, November 20; Monday, December 3; and Tuesday, December 18.

Red Wagon Donations. Ask and it shall be given to you. Seek and you will find. This isn't true each time you talk to the produce manager in a supermarket, but it is sometimes. And it's worth it when they answer, "Yes," to your question: "May I take that produce you are about to discard and take it to a local food pantry?" Of course, you have to be able to deliver immediately, but that fresh produce you take brings a welcome balance to the canned and packaged items available in food pantries.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, October 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.

The Big Search. Jesus sends people to find the lost. We are going to work with area law enforcement in a concerted 3-day effort (Oct. 18-20) to find missing children in the Kansas City area in partnership with Veronica's Voice. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/big-search18> as an individual or as a team of 4-6 people to take part.

Claim Your Containers. All containers left in the kitchen have been moved to the shelf in the coat closet off the narthex. Leftovers will be put in the rummage sale.

2018 Advent Booklet Writers. Christmas seems far away, but now is the time to let Charlotte Drayer know that you'd like to write a reflection on a Bible verse associated

with Advent. If you're willing, let her know and she'll send you the verse. You will write a short reflection on what the verse means to you, and a short prayer. These will be published by the church for distribution by December 2. Contributions are due before October 31. Contact charlotte.drayer@gmail.com; call or text 847-951-8789.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, October 7

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:15 New Member Class, Cambridge Room

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room

11:30 Confirmation Class, Youth Room

MONDAY, October 8

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up and Drop-off

TUESDAY, October 9

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up and Drop-off

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village

WEDNESDAY, October 10

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up and Drop-off

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

9:30 am Writers Group, Heritage Room

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, October 11

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up and Drop-off

12:00 pm Bible Study

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, October 12

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up and Drop-off

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 periodically. 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 Founders Chapel, September-May.

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/onlineworship-colonial> and get the sermon and bulletin on our website. Our 10:15 a.m. 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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