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**Great leaders are willing to sacrifice the numbers
to save the people. Poor leaders sacrifice the
people to save the numbers.** -Simon Sinek



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September 10, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Right Environment” Gathering Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Inspired Leadership***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Give me Jesus

-Billingham

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 #479**

God is My Shepherd

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - John 10

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

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

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

-Mark Hayes

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

No Greater Love

John 15:12-16 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last.

A Better Way of Leading

Luke 15:3-10 Jesus told them this parable:

"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.'

In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.'

In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn on bulletin page 7 *Here in This Place*

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord* -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. Ruth Garwood
**We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives. Receive these offerings as
 a sign of our gratitude and commitment. 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

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - What's Your Sign?

Signs do all kinds of things. At election time, they tell your neighbors where you stand and what you support. On your car bumper they express your feelings, your family configuration, your nationality, your religious beliefs and sometimes they just tell the person behind you to “slow down.” In this origin story—this first Passover—when the Israelites painted their doors to mark themselves, the sign they painted on their doors was how the angel of death knew who would be spared. In that story, the signs meant life or death. Later, the first Christian churches used the sign of a fish to indicate when and where they would meet. In that setting, the signs meant secrecy and safety. Today, our churches use signs to announce something about themselves publicly.

What's on your sign? The sign in front of your church? What does it tell the world about who you are, or how you worship, or what you believe? Out on Long Island, in New York, there's a church with a famous sign. It's been featured on CNN and in *Newsday* and recently received 89,000 “thumbs up” on Reddit, the social media website. Unassuming and typical in appearance, the sign's message changes frequently and often reflects current events. It belongs to Wantagh Memorial United Church of Christ. Some of its recent signs include: “Christ came to take away our sins not our minds.” “Come and practice being human with us!” “Jesus was a refugee.” “Also open between Christmas and Easter.” And, “God prefers kind atheists over hateful Christians.”

The church posts photos of its signs on its Facebook page. These posts get responses from the public and are often reposted and tweeted. In an interview with *Newsday*, Rev. Ron Garner, the pastor of the congregation, said, “We now live in a culture where things must be 140 characters or less to get people's attention, I just see this as another way of getting the message out there.”

What does the sign in front of your church say about your congregation and what sort of people worship inside? Who do you welcome? How do you hear the message of Jesus? What do you share about yourselves with the world? What's on your sign?

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.



The Sunday Crier

September 10, 2017

Gathering Sunday Picnic Today. Please join us for fun, games and good food today after the 10:15 a.m. service. We will gather at Roe Park (10400 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207). Chicken will be provided, and sides and desserts will be potluck. Families with last name starting with A through I bring dessert to share, J through Z bring a salad or side dish. A free will offering will be accepted.

Reservations! 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. The dates are set, the restaurants are reserved, all you need to do is sign up (via links below or by calling the church office), show up, and meet up with Colonial friends and families. Each person is responsible to pick up their own tab and tip. Child care arrangements can be made through the church office.

The Dining Out Groups are as follows:

Friday Fun – Adults only on October 6 and November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Restaurants: Cacao Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Prairie Village and Garozzo's Italian Restaurant in Overland Park (two groups of 5-8). Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/dinner-group-01> OR <http://tinyurl.com/dinner-group-02>

Sunday Brunchers – Adults only on October 22 and November 26 at 11:45 a.m.

Restaurants: Summit Grill in Waldo and Grunauer in the Crossroads (two groups of 5-8). Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/col-brunch01> OR <http://tinyurl.com/col-brunch02>

Family Fun – Saturday, October 14 and Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Restaurants: Waldo Pizza and Winsteads on Roe in Overland Park (two groups of 5-12). Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/col-familygroup01> OR <http://tinyurl.com/col-familygroup02>

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by RUSS AND MARYLEE BATTAGLIA in celebration of their anniversary.

Neighbors in Need Offering. Offering envelopes are in the pews for Neighbors in Need, 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.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will be offering Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase today in the narthex following the 10:15 service.

Colonial Friends: Time to Take the Steamboat. Colonial Friends will be visiting the Steamboat Arabia on Wednesday, September 20, for a 10:30 a.m. tour. Afterwards, lunch will be at the Bristol at 12:30 at Power & Light. The cost of the Arabia is \$14.00 (payable to Bill Sanderson in advance or day of) and lunch is off the menu at Bristol and on your own. For those carpooling, meet at Colonial at 9:15 to get to Union Station by 9:45 where the group will gather at the information desk. For those driving, park in the west garage and meet the group at the info booth at 9:45. Bill Sanderson will collect the money from everyone then if they have not paid in advance. Please have exact change. The group will catch the streetcar at Union Station around 10:00 and plan to arrive at the Arabia around 10:15. After the tour, the group will ride the streetcar and to Power and Light District for lunch at Bristol, after which we return to the station for the trip home. Please RSVP to Bill (bills043@gmail.com) as soon as possible as we are limited to 25 people.

Centering Prayer for Summer's End. School starts and life gets busy. Are you looking for some time apart? Centering prayer helps quiet the internal jangling so you can just be. Join us on September 3, 10, and 17 in the Preschool room between 9:30 and 10:00. We'll spend a little time checking in and talking about centering prayer, and then we'll pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome.

Colonial Writers Group. Sharpen your pencils and plan to join us for Writers Group on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. at the church. Veterans and newcomers are welcome.

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's 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar. The 2017 Colonial Holiday Bazaar is Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12! Calling all artists, we have a few spots left. As always

we can use volunteers for the following activities: planning, advertising, placing of signs and table set-up. Plus 10% of all sales go to the Board of Outreach. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time. If interested in exhibiting or helping, contact Heather in the office, Kim Mann (kim@mannmadedesign.com) or Lisarae Turnbull (lisaraephoto@me.com).

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group** – Friday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff’s home. We will be discussing “The Secret Keeper” by Kate Morton.

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.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, September 10

8:30 am—Worship
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
 10:15—Worship
 10:30—Sunday School
 11:15—Gathering Picnic, Roe Park

TUESDAY, September 12

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, September 13

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

THURSDAY, September 14

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, September 15

8:00 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

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. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is aaron@colonialucc.org.

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. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) 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, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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