



The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued this self-defeating path of hate.

-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “We are Children, Then We are Heirs: Dr. King’s Message and its Lesson
 For Us Today” Just Peace 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

O Heilige Dreifaltigkeit

-Farlee

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 #575**

O for a World

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love and cleanse us from our sins which are yet before you.

People: We confess that we have acted and spoken in ways that perpetuate violence, hatred, and discord in your good world.

Leader: Teach our hearts wisdom. Create in us a clean heart, O God.

People: We confess that we have harbored apathy and indifference, contributing to the status quo of injustice through our silence.

Leader: Restore us to the joy of your salvation. Forgive us for not teaching others the way of peace that the world may experience your deliverance.

People: The trees of the forest shall sing for joy before the Lord, for God comes to bring peace on earth. Give thanks to the Lord who is good, God's love endures forever.

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

Love One Another

-Anna Laura Page

A Word in Scripture

True Worship Must Be Rooted in Justice

Amos 5:20-24 Isn't the day of the LORD darkness, not light; all dark with no brightness in it? I hate, I reject your festivals; I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies. If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of food – I won't be pleased; I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals. Take away the noise of your songs; I won't listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Beyond Selfishness and Ego

Romans 8:12-17 Sisters and brothers, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if you put to death the actions of the body with the Spirit, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

A Word Proclaimed

-Rabbi Moti Reber

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #588

Let Justice Flow like Streams

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Pride (In the Name of Love)

-U2

(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 Romee St. John

We thank you God from whom are all blessings. We thank you for bringing us together in a community of hope that can dream of a world filled with justice, mercy, and peace. Bless these gifts given in hope and love that they may become a part of your peacemaking works in this world. 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 #579

Great God of Earth and Heaven

* **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**

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-Kern

Liturgist:

Ancel Neuburger

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Ancel Neuburger

Hospitality Table:

Rosalie Henry

Head Usher:

Chester Bender

Ushers:

Chester Bender, Loren Griffith,
Jayne Quimby, Bill Yohn



Remember, Repent, Renew:
The way of Just Peace



JUST PEACE SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - Road to Freedom
Exodus 14: 19-31

Yes, there's a road to freedom, but don't expect it to be easy. Take those Israelites fleeing Pharaoh, following Moses and standing at the edge of the sea watching him part the waters with his staff. Under their feet, the ground was dry but on either side, according to Exodus and D.W. Griffith, towered great waves of water ready to crash down. If you've ever been body surfing in the ocean after a storm then you know the power of waves that rise above you, and how small they can make you feel. The road to freedom is not without danger. Adrenaline pumps and people move with intensity. Fleeing a tyrant is not an adventure. Ask the refugee, the soldier, the displaced. Ask the Freedom Riders in the American south in 1961.

In the spring of that year, integrated groups of mostly young people, trained in nonviolence, rode buses throughout the south attempting to integrate public transportation. Thus, they were called the Freedom Riders, and those rides could be life-threatening. On May 20, 1961, a bus originating in Nashville pulled into a Montgomery Greyhound station. Waiting and hiding, armed with baseball bats, were men bent on inflicting pain. Two of their victims disembarking from that Freedom bus were John Lewis (the current U.S. Congressman) and Jim Zwerg, who would later become a UCC minister.

Back then, Jim was an exchange student, a young man who was attending Fisk University (a historically black college) for a semester because he wanted to see what it felt like to be in the minority. He and John Lewis became lifelong friends and a children's book was written about their friendship and their role as Freedom Riders. However, on that day, as they were being beaten, they were not sure they would live through it. Indeed, Jim was hospitalized and the photograph of his bloody face was published in papers all over the world.

Reverend Zwerg eventually became a UCC pastor and said this about that night when he was beaten: "In that instant, I had the most incredible religious experience of my life. I felt a presence with me. A peace. Calmness. It was just like I was surrounded by kindness, love. I knew in that instant that whether I lived or died, I would be OK."

The road to freedom is often not safe. Freedom is a gift given to the present by those from the past. It's a gift we give to the future by what we do right now. Just like those ex-slaves standing behind Moses at the Red sea, we are all walking every day on a road that could lead to freedom.



The Sunday Crier

September 17, 2017

Chapel Renovation and Naming. Our attractive new chapel (the renovated Plymouth Room, also known informally as the choir room) will be completed in early October. When completed, there will be a ceremony to bless the new chapel. There has been discussion about a name for the chapel. Three names have been suggested:

Choral Chapel – the new chapel will continue to be the choir’s practice room. The choir has worked on this project for many years and is responsible for raising most of the money for the renovation. In addition, our entire congregation will be the “chorus” joining together to fill this space with joy in the years ahead.

Plymouth Chapel – the current name of the room is Plymouth, which follows the tradition of using names drawn from Congregational/UCC history.

Founders’ Chapel – This space was part of the first chapel at Colonial and would honor the families that started this church.

You will be able to vote on the name for the chapel during both services today or you can vote online at <http://tinyurl.com/chapel-name> until September 22. Results will be announced in the Crier and Sunday Crier.

Sunday Night at the Movies. Please join us on Sunday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room as we view and discuss “The Boys Next Door.” This tender and hilarious 1996 film stars Nathan Lane and Robert Sean Leonard. “Four mentally challenged men share a house and, with the help of a social worker, learn to cope with the ups and downs of daily life through laughter, love, and joy.” (Johnson County Library) Popcorn and soda will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by BILL AND SHARON YOHAN in celebration of their anniversary.

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.

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. 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. To sign up, go to <http://www.colonialucc.org/dining-out-groups.html>

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. The group will catch the streetcar at Union Station around 10:00, to arrive at the Arabia around 10:15. After the tour, the group will ride the streetcar to Power and Light District for lunch, after which we return to the station for the trip home. Please RSVP to Bill (bills043@gmail.com).

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 sort donations, to help during the sale, to provide food for the workers. 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'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, October 2, 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.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday** – Tuesday, October 10, Prairie Village Shops.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, September 17

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—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, September 19

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, September 20

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

9:15—Colonial Friends, Steamboat Arabia

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

THURSDAY, September 21

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

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

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