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**Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us
all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest
of people.**

-Rev. Fred Rogers



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913-362-7735

September 23, 2018

10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Speaking the Truth with Love” 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

Picardy

Schack

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 278**

“Creator God, Creating Still”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and our world.

People: **God of Mercy, we need forgiveness. We want change. Teach us to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: We give thanks for our savior and teacher Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care, and grew to reveal your power to make all things new.

People: **We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* 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

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.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word in Music

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Haan

Saints Serve Everyone — John 13:4-15

[Jesus] got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do.

Helping People Grow by Speaking the Truth with Love — Ephesians 4:13-15

God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn 539

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

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

I Choose Love

Miller

Natasha Olinetchouk, Kathy Huey, Neil Darling, Phil Eatherton

Doxology

#778; tune Old Hundredth

***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: Holy One, bless these gifts. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all your children. Transform us to be a blessing to others each day. 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.

We Depart to Serve

* Hymn 563

"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

* 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

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Bruce Edwards
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Rosalie Henry
Head Usher:	Chester Bender
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Chester Bender Marion Taylor

Justice Issues Survey

The Colonial Church Justice and Witness Committee members are seeking your thoughts regarding key issues of concern that challenge us as Christians today.

We would like to know which of the following topics you personally consider MOST TROUBLING and would like more information about. We will seek resources that lead to greater understanding and opportunities for our constructive actions.

PLEASE CHECK the THREE issues which you personally consider most troubling.

- Affordable Housing
- Civil Discourse/Conflict Resolution
- Environmental Issues
- Gun Violence
- Health Care
- Immigration Reform
- LGBT Youth Crisis
- Racial Division
- Other (please specify): _____

When complete, please remove this page from the bulletin and return it in the offering plate during the service.



The Sunday Crier

September 23, 2018

Colonial Quilt Show Today. Colonial Quiltmakers are hosting a Quilt Show today between services and after second service in the Social Hall. The Quiltmakers gather several Fridays a month to share their talents and create beautiful quilts for the community. You will see examples of their work and learn more about the organizations they serve. In 2017 the Quiltmakers created 120 quilts for children's hospitals, shelters, community and international outreach organizations, and Colonial baptisms.

Sunday Movie Night Tonight. Please join us for Movie Night as we view the encouraging and delightful film, "Won't You Be My Neighbor" tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. This touching movie highlights Fred Rogers' unforgettable and far-reaching contributions to our society from 1968-2001 in the form of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." Popcorn and soda will be served and discussion will follow.

Enneagram Workshop – Saturday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m., Heritage Room. The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. It connects with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God. George Gordon will lead a session for us to explore our personality types and the associated challenges and strengths of your type. Cost for the session is \$25 including box lunch. Register and pay at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/41a3c2>

All Church Game Night. Mark your calendars for an all-church game night Saturday, September 29, 6:00-9:00 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 by reservation to Linda Moses (luvslife48@gmail.com) by September 26. Bring a snack to share.

*Altar
Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given by Helen Minter in memory of Richard Minter, Don Minter and Nathan Schall.

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.

Rummage Sale Information. The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching (Oct. 16-19) so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 11-Sunday, Oct. 14. Start collecting your items and remember hangers-we find that clothing is much more profitable if it is clean, wrinkle-free and on hangers.

UCC Hurricane Relief. Colonial Church is responding to the needs of people affected by 2018 hurricanes both within the United States and around the world. Donate now to deepen the impact of the United Church of Christ's immediate response and long-term recovery work. 100% of disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming. Give online by going to <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/give/online> and choose Hurricane Relief as the fund.

Care to Join Us? Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, September 30, October 7 and October 14 in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on October 14 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

Colonial Dinner Church: Bread for the Journey, Friends for the Way. Beginning in October, Colonial is launching a new program called “dinner church.” We invite you to join with others to share a simple meal, break bread, and reflect on faith in a relaxed environment. Folks will gather at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. Dinner church will be offered on the first Monday and the third Tuesday of each month. A recommended donation of \$5 per person is requested to help offset the cost of the meal. Would you like to join the hospitality team? Contact Nikki Woolsey at nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org. Fall 2018 Dinner Church Schedule: Monday, October 1; Tuesday, October 16; Monday, November 5; Tuesday, November 20; Monday, December 3; Tuesday, December 18.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Luncheon.** Monday, September 24, noon, Chuy’s on the Plaza. RSVP Kathi Cook (jimandkathicook@gmail.com; text 913-905-9027).
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, October 1, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, October 4, 6:00 p.m., Sawasdee Thai, 11838 Quivira Rd.
- **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.
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The Week Ahead

TODAY, September 23

8:30 am Worship

9:00 Quilt Show, Social Hall

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Quilt Show, Social Hall

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

5:30 Movie Night, Heritage Room

MONDAY, September 24

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

12:00 pm Colonial Women Lunch Out, Chuy's

TUESDAY, September 25

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, September 26

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

6:15 pm Board of Worship, Oberlin Room

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, September 27

12:00 pm Bible Study

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

SATURDAY, September 29

12:30 pm Enneagram, Heritage Room

6:00 Game Night, Social Hall

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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