



“The smell of good bread baking,

like the sound of lightly flowing water,

is indescribable in its evocation of innocence and delight...”

M.F.K. Fisher,
The Art of Eating



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September 2, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Bread of Life” Sunday Worship Service

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Adagio

Mendelssohn

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

*** Opening Hymn #20**

“God of Abraham and Sarah”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.
 We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy.

People: We bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope.

Leader: We bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.

People: Meet us here. Forgive us. Transform us.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: The bread of heaven is here among us to sustain us for our journey and to help us find our way.

People: **In Christ we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to the one body. 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 Proclaimed

Rev. Nikki Woolsey

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (CEB)

The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my instruction.

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the Lord, because he’s heard your complaints.’” As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, “I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

John 6:24-35 (CEB)

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus replied, “I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life.”

They asked, “What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?”

Jesus replied, “This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent.”

They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

They said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!”

Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn of Response #562

“Take My Gifts”

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

Dove of Peace

Cherwien

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.

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

By the Rivers of Babylon

Dupre

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: God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts.
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.

Be Love: A UCC Mission Moment

James 1:17-27

This letter, written by James, who was probably Jesus' brother, probably the first Bishop in Jerusalem, is a diatribe against anyone who thinks that following Jesus Christ doesn't mean "doing." James is sardonic and clear and crusty as he imagines somebody looking in a mirror and turning away and instantly forgetting what they look like. If you love Jesus, he might say, how can you forget what that means or what that looks like? When you follow Jesus that's who you are and how you are. Be that love. Show the world what it looks like...don't just tell them about it...be the church! DO something!

The borough of Hatboro in Pennsylvania has roots that reach back into William Penn's land and the history of that state. It's a tiny place with only about 8,000 residents but it is also the home of Love in Action UCC. This small church sitting in this suburb of Philadelphia is big in its expansive love and welcome for all of God's people. It is a church born in the idea that faith is more than a set of beliefs. Faith is shown in actions. That's what their statement of belief says. One of their many ministries is an open and affirming stance to all people – especially those in the LGBTQIA community.

When Jennifer Angelina Petro was transitioning to female she says she found a home and the emotional and faithful support she needed at Love in Action UCC. Then, when Vox Media, along with Divided States of Women were planning their documentary telling the stories of marginalized women approached Jennifer, she was clear that her story and the story of her church were intertwined. The producers were amazed to hear that there was a church supporting and affirming Trans people. And in the film, she tells her story of coming out as Transgendered in a world that doesn't always embrace the trans experience. Her church, a UCC church, was a huge part of her journey.

This is love in action. This is what James was talking about. This is how you be the church, opening your arms and creating a safe space for all those who feel unwelcome and "different" and unacceptable. You do that as Love in Action UCC did for Jennifer. They embraced her gifts for music, her ability to teach and wanted to know her as she was, just as God knows deeply who she is. As James the Apostle writes, a religion that is pure looks after those who are weakest in the world. For James, that was widows and orphans. In our world, it includes many more who seem to have no place. But they do in Hatboro, PA where Love in Action UCC is Being the Church and Loving their Neighbor.



The Sunday Crier

September 2, 2018

Gathering Sunday Potluck Lunch Celebrating Art Foster's Ministry – September 16. Please join us for food and fellowship following the 10:15 service on Sunday, September 16. Chicken will be provided; **please bring a side or dessert to share.** After the lunch we will have a 1:00 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary to honor Art Foster's calling to ordained ministry in 1948.

September 9 and 16 Service Times. Note that we will have normal service times – 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. on both Sundays even with the Colonial Getaway and the Art Foster Celebration going on.

Enneagram Workshop – Saturday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m., Heritage Room.

What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships – and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts? The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. The Enneagram 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. Prior to this session, you need to complete your Enneagram profile online. It takes about 40 minutes to complete. You'll receive a report about your Enneagram type, which you can bring to our session with George Gordon. You may purchase a code for \$12 and take your test online at <https://tests enneagraminstitute.com>. The cost for the session is \$20 and includes a box lunch. You can register and pay for this session at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/41a3c2>

*Altar
Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given by Marylee and Russ Battaglia in celebration of their anniversary.

Groceries to the Cross-Lines Food Pantry. We are looking for a volunteer to take Little Red Wagon Groceries to the Cross-Lines Food Pantry after the collection on the third Sunday of the month. Cross-Lines campus is 8 miles from the church, and their need is great. You don't have to deliver on Monday, just so it gets down that week. Call Marilyn Uppman for details or to volunteer.

Call for Fabric Artists. Would you be interested in working on an art project for an upcoming worship theme at Colonial? I'm looking for a small team of creative folks to work on a fabric banner. If you are interested, please contact me at nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! We've had a lull in volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need volunteers to bake cookies and to come to the church the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food. The next opportunity is September 23. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh18>

Justice & Witness Survey. Colonial Church Justice & Witness Committee is seeking your thoughts regarding key issues of concern that challenge us as Christians today. We would like to know topics you personally consider most troubling and would like more information. We will seek resources that lead to greater understanding and opportunities for our constructive actions. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/col-justice-witness-survey>
Note that if you previously completed the survey, your answers may not have been recorded because of a glitch in the link. Please complete it again.

Curious about LGBT+ Issues or Inclusion? We are called upon to be inclusive and affirming of those who differ from us, especially those that may be invisible or marginalized by society. But it can be difficult to work on affirming something when you have trouble grasping it, or knowing how to think about it, in the first place. If you would like to understand more about the issues facing lesbian/gay/bisexual/ transgender individuals and other gender/sexual minorities, or would like to discuss ways of thinking about inclusion more generally, Peter Bayless (peter.bayless@gmail.com) is willing to help guide you on the journey. Peter is an adjunct professor at UMKC and a member of the "Transgender Youth in Crisis" task force of the Colonial Board of Outreach. He is available to any Colonial groups that would like him to come speak to them or to individuals who might need somebody to talk to on this subject.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, September 3, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit. (Yes, we know it's Labor Day.)
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 6, 6:00 p.m., Zarda's.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations are delivered to four local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai members add their contributions. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, September 2

8:30 am Worship

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 Fellowship, Heritage Room

MONDAY, September 3

Office Closed – Labor Day

9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, September 4

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 Book Group, Heritage Room

10:00 Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

WEDNESDAY, September 5

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

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, September 6

10:30 am Rummage Sale Meeting, Northampton Room

12:00 pm Bible Study

3:00 Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00 Alden Guild, Zarda’s

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, September 8-9

Colonial Getaway – Pomona Lake

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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