



**Jesus was great because he was good, and yet he fraternized with the little children. He was gentle and unassuming in his personal life, and yet he was the perfected man of a universe. His associates called him Master unbidden.**

**-The Urantia Book**

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September 30, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“Authentically Fred” 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**

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**A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down**

**\* Hymn 308**

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

Verses 1-2, 4

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**People: Disturb the habits of our sin, O God. Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin’s embrace. Show us your ways. Highlight what we can change. And change what we cannot.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

**Leader:** Good friends, hear the good news. God is at work in you! God is alive in us! God lives – but sin is dead.

**People:** **Through Christ our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! 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**

*How Excellent Is Thy Name*

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**A Word Proclaimed**

Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **Unassuming Power — Philippians 2:1-7**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

“Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings.”

### **The Discipline Part of Being a Disciple — Hebrews 12:11-14**

No discipline is fun while it lasts, but it seems painful at the time. Later, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and weak knees! Make straight paths for your feet so that if any part is lame, it will be healed rather than injured more seriously. Pursue the goal of peace along with everyone.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

### **Sacrament of the Baptism of Lowell Ann Ferguson**

**Leader:** Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**People:** **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

**Leader:** Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

**People:** **Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.**

**Leader:** When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

**People:** **A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."**

**Leader:** At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

\* **Baptismal Hymn 325** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

## 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

*These are the Ten Holy Commandments*

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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: These gifts represent the best of ourselves, O God. Receive them with our prayers. Take and use them for your goodness. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 313

*"Like a Tree beside the Waters"*

### \* 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

*Earth and All Stars*

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**Worship Leaders**

Liturgist:	Linda Moses
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman-Marquez
Head Usher:	Bill Yohn
Ushers:	Harry Morrison, Kendra Morrison Bill Yohn
Fellowship Host:	Diane Kuhn

## **Courage for Community: A UCC Mission Moment**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

What if we should lose our saltiness? What if we should lose our taste, or our ability to make the world taste good, at least better than it does? In a way, our vision of a Just World for All is also of a world that tastes good, or a world that has not lost its saltiness. Jesus said we should be salt among ourselves and be at peace with one another. There are those in this world who salt it by their presence. Such a one was Juanita Hephrey (“Maaodagabagi Oxhaadish” White Flower)

In 1997, Juanita and five others were arrested for burning a Wahoo (“Chief” Wahoo is the mascot of the Cleveland Indians baseball team) effigy outside the gates of the World Series. The charges were dropped but she was indefatigable when it came to speaking up for Native American peoples, especially for the people of North Dakota. She herself was a member of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation and a member of the National Staff of the United Church of Christ from 1991-2004.

She died in January, 2018 leaving a legacy of commitment and leadership for all of us in the UCC. That legacy began in 1970 when she worked with the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). In 1975 she became the Executive Director for Indian Affairs of North Dakota. After representing North Dakota at the International Women’s Year Event in Houston, she was one of the women chosen to present their resulting resolution to President Carter. She salted us all both in her work and in those she inspired.

After leaving her work with the National Staff she became a licensed minister and the licensed pastor of the Independence Congregational United Church of Christ on the Fort Berthold Reservation. When she finally retired, she stayed there in Fort Berthold with her family—her three boys and grandson, sisters, nieces and nephew and her beloved dogs.

We are all connected one to the other, even with those we’ve never met. Somehow, on this planet, in this universe we are what makes the world what it is. *Thank you, O God who has knit us together, thank you for the life of this woman who fought for remembrance and education and inclusion of all people. Her life has added salt to our world.*



## *The Sunday Crier*

September 30, 2018

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**Colonial Dinner Church: Bread for the Journey, Friends for the Way.** Beginning tomorrow, 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](mailto: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.

### **Important Rummage Countdown**

The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 7–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. Pick up a flyer in the narthex for a list of do’s and don’t’s for donations. The sale is October 16-19.

**Volunteer**—Set up begins on Tuesday, October 9. Anyone interested in helping out whether for a few hours, a few days, or for the long haul, may sign up in the narthex on Sunday or online at [tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage18](http://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.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given by Tim and Donna Owens in memory of their parents.

**Gift from Zion UCC.** Zion United Church of Christ in Kansas City, KS closed its doors and sold their church property in August of this year. Their congregation selected various organizations to receive monies from the sale of the church. Because the Zion members have been working faithfully for years with Bob and Judy LeVeau and other Colonial members at the Cross-Lines Christmas Store, they selected Colonial to receive \$10,000 to be used for the Christmas Store. Our church Council voted to accept this gift and use it for the purpose indicated.

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

**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](mailto: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.

**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 (which may look better than some of the stuff you have in your refrigerator) 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. And you make a friend in your grocery store.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **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.

**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.

**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.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, September 30**

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

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room

11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room

### **MONDAY, October 1**

9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

6:00 pm Dinner Church, Chapel

### **TUESDAY, October 2**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, October 3**

10:00 am Carson Memorial Service, Sanctuary

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

### **THURSDAY, October 4**

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room

12:00 pm Bible Study

3:00 Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00 Alden Guild, Sawasdee Thai

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

### **FRIDAY, October 5**

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://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](http://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)

## **COLONIAL STAFF**

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