If Jesus came back today, and saw what was going on in his name, he'd never stop throwing up.

-Max von Sydow, actor who played Jesus in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*
Please silence your mobile phone in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

**WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*America, the Beautiful* -setting by Calvin Hampton

*Ostinato on BEACH SPRING* -Alfred V. Fedak

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(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.)

**MOMENT TO LAY YOUR BURDENS DOWN**

* Opening Hymn on Bulletin Page 7  *  Shalom Chaverim

**CALL TO WORSHIP – PROVERBS 3:5-9**

Leader:  Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence.

People:  Know God in all your paths, and God will keep your ways straight.

Leader:  Don't consider yourself wise.

People:  Respect the LORD and turn away from evil.

Leader:  Then your body will be healthy and your bones strengthened.

People:  Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first of all your crops.

*Song of Praise — 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.


* 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 attend 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 God’s Word**

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*The Word in Scripture*

Colossians 3:12-17 As God’s choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus** and give thanks to God the Father through him.

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**The Word Proclaimed**

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Express your thoughts by Tweeting to #ColonialUCC.

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**The Word in Our Holy Meal**

Communion Prayer

**Pastor:** Christ our Lord calls to his Communion Table all who hurt and are beaten down by the stresses of life; all who love him and earnestly seek to live in peace with one another; all who long to follow the call of discipleship. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**People:** Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love like you. We have failed to fully be your church in this time and place. We have sinned against you and each another by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see your Holy Spirit in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of your grace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pastor:** Hear the Good News: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life; that proves God’s gracious love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People:  As I have been forgiven, so I forgive you. Glory to God! Amen!

Pastor: Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in the entire world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us. And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

People:  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Above all we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: Justice to all peoples, Good News to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

Remembering and Consecrating

Sharing the Bread and Cup
(As the bread and cup are served, we will sing As We Gather at Your Table, which is #332 in the hymnal. Drink the cup as you are served as a sign of God’s particular love for you. Hold the bread until everyone has been served, and we will eat it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving
We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ’s offering for us. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever. Amen.
WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY
An American Trilogy -arr. Newbury

* 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:

* Prayer of Dedication
  
  Leader: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
  People: We honor the LORD with our substance and with the first fruits of our produce.
  Leader: In all your ways acknowledge God, and the LORD will make straight your paths.
  People: We honor the LORD with our substance and with the first fruits of all our produce.
  Leader: Do not be wise in your own eyes; respect the LORD, and turn away from evil.
  People: We honor the LORD with our substance and with the first fruits of all our produce.
  Leader: It will be a healing for your flesh and refreshment for your body.
  People: We honor the LORD with our substance and with the first fruits of all our produce.

(By UCC Faith Practices)

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, 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 #594 How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

* 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 Toccata on BEACH SPRING -Alfred V. Fedak

Liturgist: Carrie Roberts
Children’s Conversation: Marylee Battaglia
Communion Servers: Missy Flachsbarth, Hayden Huggins, Howard Lee, Ancel Neuburger
Greeter: Lyn Jandt
Head Usher: Jim Jandt
Ushers: Marti Lee, Chucho Marquez, Elizabeth Uppman
Jim Jandt
Pronunciation: Shah-loam khah-vair-eem ("hah" will do if you can't make the "kh" sound); Luh-heet-rah-aut.

2nd time:
Hello, my dear friends, hello, my dear friends
Hello, Hello.
Hello, my dear friends, hello, my dear friends
Hello, Hello.

3rd time:
Peace my dear friends, In peace, my dear friends
May you go in peace.
'Til we meet again, 'til we meet again,
Shalom, Shalom

4th time: REPEAT HEBREW VERSE

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A Picture of Forgiveness
Read Luke 23:32-34
Forgiveness is often highly touted among Christians, but it can be challenging to practice. Jesus’ words of forgiveness on the cross are in part so powerful because they seem so unlike anything that would come out of most of our mouths. Speaking the words “Father, forgive them” can be difficult for those of us who suspect that those offending fiends who wounded us knew exactly what they were doing and would do it all again if given half a chance.

But if extending forgiveness is a challenge, so is asking for pardon from those we have transgressed against. Asking for forgiveness demands that we give up our preferred role as innocent souls free of guile and malicious intent. We like to give the impression that we would never willfully harm a fly—and that if we did accidently injure a buzzing insect we would immediately administer any necessary first aid.

It hurts to be offended, but to some extent it also hurts to forgive or to be forgiven. No, the pain is not as deep or permanently debilitating as the refusal to forgive, but forgiveness is serious medicine. And serious medicine tends to have temporary side effects that can bring momentary disequilibrium to our systems. Bear this in mind as you explore what must be released and what must be embraced to experience the ultimate blessing of being a follower of Jesus Christ who is open to forgiving and being forgiven.

Look at the cover of this week’s bulletin, then ask the following questions:
- What attitudes do the two figures suggest to you?
- What might be the significance of the postures of these two figures?
- How do the images and the tone evoked by this painting seem similar to and/or different from your own experiences with forgiveness?
- For both the person seeking forgiveness and the person extending forgiveness, what is released in an act of forgiveness? What is embraced in an act of forgiveness? In what ways is an act or spirit of forgiveness a blessing?
- To what extent is the letting go and blessing of forgiveness inseparable from being a faithful follower of Christ? Explain why you feel your response to be true.
- What role does the ability to extend and receive forgiveness play in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ?
Arthur Locke Retiring

Arthur Locke, our faithful custodian for 25 years, is retiring at the end of July. During periods of interims and new ministers, Arthur and Pauline Anthan in the office were the two constants on Colonial’s staff and kept the church on an even keel. We are gathering funds as a retirement gift for him and Samella as they make long-awaited travel plans. The ushers will hand out envelopes today and on July 6 and 13. Please mark your check in the memo line for “Arthur’s retirement gift.” If you prefer, you can mail a check to the office.

A Party Is in the Works! Arthur Locke’s retirement party will be July 20 after the 10:15 service. Mark it down and plan to attend this well-deserved celebration. We will have barbequed meat and cake, and we ask you to bring a side dish of your choice. The party will be in the Social Hall since July 20 in Kansas might be very warm. We look forward to honoring our great friend.

VBS — Kingdom Rock July 15-18

Sign up today in the narthex. Kingdom Rock is open for 4-year-olds through 6th grade. Plan to come and bring your friends. You can also sign up at our website.

Paper Grocery Sacks and Newspapers Please! We need your full-size paper grocery sacks and newspapers for use at Vacation Bible School. Please drop in the church office before Friday. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on June 22 were given by DOROTHY MULFORD in memory of Kathryn Mulford, Newton Dilley Jr., and Marguerite Dilley.
**Highlights**

**A Sea of Blue** On Monday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m., the Roeland Park City Council will be voting on its proposed anti-discrimination ordinance, which would add discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or military status. Members of Colonial will be in attendance at that council meeting, joining the “Sea of Blue” in support of the ordinance. We have several blue shirts still available, and you can reserve yours by making a $10 donation at http://tinyurl.com/uccstshirts. Bring your confirmation email to the church office during business hours to collect your shirt.

**Black Out for Lights On 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run** Join Cross-Lines Community Outreach for a Nighttime 5K walk/run fundraiser to help raise funds for the Cross-Lines Rent and Utility Assistance programs. The 5K course is sanctioned by United States Track and Field (USTAF). The event is on Friday, July 11, at Community America Park, home of the KC T-Bones, at 1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, KS. Registration begins at 8:00 p.m. with the walk/run at 9:00 p.m. Pre-register at http://tinyurl.com/runforlight.

**Outreach at Colonial** A group of seven volunteers from Colonial served a meal to the homeless for Artists Helping the Homeless at Mill Creek Park on Sunday evening, June 29, but a larger group helped make that possible. Shoppers—Lee Rowe, Mariam Fleming; cooks—Lee and Ed Rowe, Jayne Quimby, Carol Kromnacker; cookies—Diane Kuhn, Sharon Yohn, Stacy Huggins, Barrie Herbst, Linda Cunningham, and a couple of unmarked contributions in the freezer of the kitchen; servers—Stacey and Reese Algren, Stephanie Graff, Marion Taylor, Sally and Howard Huggins, and Mariam Fleming.

**Sermon Ideas** This summer, Pastor Aaron will be selecting topics to explore in our sermons at Colonial Church. What ideas do you have? https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RXF7GYJ.

**Our Food Drive Needs Your Help!** During the school year many students receive both their breakfasts and lunches at school. In fact, a new study shows one of three students (up from one in four) qualifies for free or reduced lunches in the Shawnee Mission District. Those meals aren’t served in the summer. So, many children in our area live in homes where there simply isn’t enough food for three meals a day. Johnson County now has more people living in poverty than Wyandotte County. We can’t provide food for everyone, but we can provide for many by either bringing food each week to the red wagon or dropping a check in the weekly offering plate marked for the Food Pantry. We are called to do no less. Justice and Witness Committee.

**Nametag Challenge!** As we grow Even Better Together, our nametags have been updated. Grab your new nametag and wear it to worship. As you leave, put it in one of the baskets by the door and you will be entered in our drawing for a $25 Target gift card.

**Youth Fundraising: $1-$144 Donation Envelopes** – You can support the youth by filling out one of the neon-colored envelopes in the basket in the narthex. They are numbered from 1 to 144 and you put in the amount that matches that number. So $1 in #1, $61 in #61, etc. If you have questions, contact Michelle Turpen, Youth Group Leader, by email (michelle.turpen@gmail.com) or phone (913-484-7125).
THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — JULY 6
8:30 a.m.—Worship.
8:45 a.m.—Justice and Witness Committee, Cambridge Room.
9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.
9:15 a.m.—Wedding Committee, Oberlin Room.
10:15 a.m.—Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

MONDAY, JULY 7
9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit.

TUESDAY, JULY 8
9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.
5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9
9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Starbucks - Prairie Village.

THURSDAY, JULY 10
10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office.

SUNDAY — JULY 13
8:30 a.m.—Worship.
9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.
10:15 a.m.—Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.
11:30 a.m.—Parents Group, Oberlin Room.

Ink Cartridge Recycling Colonial youth are recycling as part of a fundraising program. Working with Evolve Recycling, they are collecting laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and used cell phones while raising funds for our youth. Drop your items in the box by the office. Laptops should be taken to the office. Periodically, we ship the items collected to the Global Re-Source Funding offices, at no cost to us. Evolve Recycling periodically sends us a check for those items sent in. Please help the environment and our youth by bringing your items for recycling.

Stewardship Thought “No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” — Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), 30th U.S. president

Please remember the ministries of your church in your will.
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 for your convenience.

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 Northampton 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. Michelle Turpen leads the group. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year including volunteer opportunities, the annual Christmas pageant, and more.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Rehearsals resume in August.

Listen to our Weekly Messages—You can listen to the sermon and get the bulletin and study guide on our website.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs at our website.

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