



(*Speak The Truth* used with permission of Duncan Hall.)

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

-Charles Spurgeon



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August 30, 2015
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Speak the Truth” Sunday Worship Service
 in the series *Ethics for Life***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s People

Gathering Music

Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

-Pachelbel

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.)

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

Sacrament of Baptism for Mila Sarah Enpei Carttar Lu

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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."**

Pastor: 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*

* **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 Proclaimed

“Speak the Truth” Principle

Exodus 20:16 Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

“Testifying Falsely” can be by

- **Commission** - when lies are told and when an untruth is purposely presented into the mix.
- **Omission** - purposely leaving truths out of the mix, especially through silence.

Truth as an Antidote to Scheming

Ephesians 4:12-15 [Jesus’] purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. 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.

Jesus’ Steps One and Two of Dealing Directly with Nasty People

Matthew 18:15-16 If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister.

But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.

Step Three

Matthew 18:17 But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector.

We Respond with Thanksgiving and Prayer

* Hymn #403 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Call to Offering and Offertory *The Holy Child Shall be my Consolation* -Dupre

* 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.***

* Prayer of Dedication

**“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above.”
Thank you for that generosity within us that comes from you.
Fill us with the hope of young love.
May we give generously to your church. Amen.**

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 #454

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

* **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**

Wunderbarer König

-Harbach

God bless Mila Sarah Enpei Carttar Lu on her baptism today. Her parents are Rebecca and Daniel Lu.

Liturgist:

Bekki Walsh

Children's Conversation:

Shea Zellweger

Greeter:

Tim Taylor

Head Usher:

Tim Taylor

Ushers:

Mary Pelton, Carolyn Pitts, Marion & Tim Taylor

Soda Jerks:

Pastor Aaron Roberts, Jan Parkinson,
Bob Starcke, Bill Yohn

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is doing something new this fall. We are going to do sessions with the *Kerygma - Discovering the Bible* curriculum. Even if you cannot make the sessions, we're going to put the readings in our weekly study guide. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via inFellowship from the church website.

Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.

Discovery 17 - The Savior

Read each passage and make notes on each.

Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12 Eastern Visitors

Matthew 2:13-23 Egypt: Escape and Return

Luke 1:26-56 Jesus' Birth is Announced

Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Luke 2:21-38 Jesus, Simeon, and Anna

Luke 2:39-40 Return to Nazareth

Luke 2:41-52 Jesus in the Temple

John 1:1-18 The Word

Micah 5:2

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:7



The Sunday Crier

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The Return of the Jerks

Colonial's Soda Jerks return today to mark the end of summer with their world famous root beer floats after the 10:15 a.m. service (they're famous because they're free). Join the fun!

Save the Date for Gathering Sunday Picnic

Sunday, September 13

Please join us for fun, games and good food on September 13 following the 10:15 a.m. service. We will gather at Franklin Park in Prairie Village. Chicken will be provided, and sides and desserts will be potluck. Families with last name starting with A through I bring dessert to share, J through Z bring a salad or side dish. A free will offering will be accepted.

Colonial Dinner Club Groups Are Forming for Fall

Colonial Dinner Club is a great way to get to know people in the church. Small groups of 7-8 meet in individual homes throughout the year for dinner. The groups meet once every two months for a total of four times during the year: Oct.-Nov., Dec.-Jan., Feb.-March, April-May. (The host finds a compatible date within the two-month period so that all in the group can attend.) The host provides the main dish, and the others bring the side dishes. Meals can be as casual as burgers on the grill or as elaborate as you wish. The main purpose is to have fun and get to know each other better. The rotation schedule means that you only host once per year. Please contact Kathi Cook for more information: jimandkathicook@gmail.com or 913-236-8292. We'd like to add YOUR name to the list this year.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by FRANK ROBERTSON in loving memory of his brother, Gary Robertson.

HIGHLIGHTS

Colonial Women Activities

- **Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, September 2, 12:30 p.m., Heritage room. Our own Bob Starcke will speak on "My First Trip to France." Bob speaks fluent French but we requested he present this in English! Light refreshments.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 3, 6:00 p.m., Chocolate Frog (next to Standee's theaters in Prairie Village shops).
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 8, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Stacey Algren's home (3206 W. 82nd Terrace, Leawood, KS 66206) to discuss the book *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff.

Getting Your Ducks In A Row. Join us at noon on Wednesday, September 9, in the Social Hall for a delicious salad bar luncheon, followed by a presentation from Kim Hayes, Certified Financial Planner. Kim will discuss organizing your life and personal affairs to bring peace of mind for the future. All are welcome!

Colonial Friends to Belger Crane Yard Gallery. Colonial Friends will visit the Belger Crane Yard Gallery in the Crossroads on Wednesday, September 16. The group will meet in the Colonial parking lot at 9:15 a.m., organize carpools and depart by 9:30. Lunch will be at Grunauer in the Crossroads. Please call Bill or Sharon Yohn (913-339-9862) or email (hohum2@comcast.net) for reservations.

Unused Cosmetics Needed. If you have unused cosmetics, sample sizes or gifts with purchase that you haven't opened, please place them in the box on the bottom shelf in the library. We need them for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store and for Molly's Table. Thank you!

Answering the Call. We had an urgent call for toothpaste and toothbrushes for the more than 800 kids in the Kansas City, Kansas Head Start program. More than 100 tubes of toothpaste were donated Sunday. And the Board of Outreach purchased the toothbrushes!

Food Donations. We are significantly helping hungry people in our community. Folks may wonder just what kinds of foods are needed most. Sometimes the shelves run low for all kinds of beans (except green), canned tomatoes (a good time to buy now), hearty soups, tuna fish, cereal, peanut butter and always canned fruit. But really just about any donation will be a blessing, plain or fancy, for someone. Leave your donations in the little red wagon in the narthex.

Colonial Writers Group. Fall is here, time for back to school and back to Writers Group. Plan to join us on Wednesday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. See you then!

Holiday Bazaar 2015. It's time to start gearing up for the 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 14 and 15. Kim Mann and Lisarae Turnbull will be planning the next steps and need volunteers to help make this year a big success. Please contact Kim (kim@mannmadedesign.com) or Lisarae (lisaraephoto@me.com) if you would like to help.

Summertime Energy Savings. The Board of Property Management has implemented energy-saving ideas for the summer, including leaving the Sanctuary lights off on Sunday mornings when there

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — AUGUST 30

- 8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.
 9:30 a.m.—CENTERING PRAYER, Preschool Room.
 10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 11:15 a.m.—ROOT BEER FLOATS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m.—MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP, Perkins.
 9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.
 12:30 p.m.—MAYFLOWER GUILD, Heritage Room.
 7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY, Pastor's Office.
 6:00 p.m.—ALDEN GUILD, Chocolate Frog.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8:30 a.m.—QUILTMAKERS, Social Hall.

SUNDAY —SEPTEMBER 6

- 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.

is sufficient natural light. This change keeps the air conditioner from having to work so hard. So when you're sitting in worship and you notice the chandeliers aren't lit, just sit back and relax in the coolness.

New Horizons Update. We are forming a Dreams Work panel that is going to hear ideas for new ministries, improvements, or dreams. The panel will meet the third Sunday after the second service each month. The first meeting will be September 20. Bring your ideas. The panel will provide tools to help you be successful. More will be coming out as we get closer to beginning this process. Sweet dreams!

Stewardship Thought "Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear." — Horace Mann (1796-1859), American educator and politician

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 Savoy 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.

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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