



(Remember the Sabbath used with permission from marynbtol)

When you rest, realize it is not simply ceasing from activity...it is a gift from God.

-Dillon Burroughs, founder of Activist Faith



Colonial Church

in Prairie Village

www.colonialucc.org
913-362-7735

10:15 a.m.
August 31, 2014

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Labor Day Sabbath” Sunday Worship Service

Please silence your mobile phone in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

-J. S. Bach

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 #31**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

* **CALL TO WORSHIP – PSALM 92**

Leader: Join in a Sabbath song!

People: **It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, Most High;**

Leader: We celebrate your loyal love in the morning, your faithfulness at nighttime...

People: **because you've made me happy, LORD, by your acts. I sing with joy because of your handiwork. How awesome are your works, LORD!**

* **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.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

* **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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Pastor Aaron Roberts

God Rests

Genesis 2:1-3 The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

The 4th of the 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Do not do any work on it – not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The Sabbath is for Humans

Mark 2:23-27 Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?"

He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him."

Then he said, "The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren't created for the Sabbath."

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

* HYMN #516

O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Arabesque 1

-Claude Debussy
-Nick Lybarger, piano

* 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

Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your abundance given freely to all.

But God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts: God's abundance is enough for all if we share. Amen.

-written by Mari Castellanos

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 #488**

Be Still, My Soul

- * 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**

Sleepers, Wake! A voice is calling

-Kern

Liturgist:

Bruce Wofford

Children's Conversation:

Darren Carpenter

Greeters:

Kirk and Tamara Carson

Head Usher:

Tim Taylor

Ushers:

Tim and Marion Taylor, Leonore and Ed Rowe



The Sunday Crier

August 31, 2014

Gathering Sunday Picnic Next Sunday

Please join us for fun, games and good food on September 7 following the 10:15 a.m. service. Meet at Franklin Park at Somerset and Roe in Prairie Village. The Board of Parish Life will provide chicken, beverages, plates and utensils. Last names beginning with A-P, please bring a salad or side dish, and Q-Z bring a dessert. RSVP using the insert in today's bulletin.

September Sermon Series: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

We're going to consider the issue of illiteracy along with the UCC's focus on this issue. The UCC believes literacy is a social justice issue and is initiating an effort to educate, engage, and inspire action with the One Read program using the book, *Hot Dogs & Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential* by *Inspiring Literacy at Any Age* by Rob Shindler.



Colonial Friends to Tour Union Cemetery

Colonial Friends will visit Union Cemetery on Wednesday, September 17. We will leave the south church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The tour begins at 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery, located just south of Crown Center and just east of Main at 227 E. 29th Street. Union is the oldest cemetery in the Kansas City area. Our guide will provide us with information about the graves of Civil War veterans and early Kansas City families. Lunch will follow at Affare, 1911 Main. For more information and reservations, call John Yatsook, 913-338-2503.

Date Night Babysitting – September 13

Youth, with adult supervision, will again provide babysitting for you from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the church on Saturday, September 13, as a fundraiser. Sign up at <http://goo.gl/PR0xKv>.

*Altar
Flowers*

The flowers are given by CARRIE AND AARON ROBERTS in memory of Johanna Roberts.

HIGHLIGHTS

Galloping Gourmet - Changes Ahead? There is still time to complete a survey about Galloping Gourmet before we start up new groups in October. Galloping Gourmet is a group of eight people who gather in people's home for dinner four times per year. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and let us know your opinions. Fill out the comments section with suggestions, even if you have not been a member. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FRRGNVZ> to take the survey.

2014 CROP Walk Is October 12 Colonial will again have a team walking in the CROP Walk. This year the annual walk is October 12 beginning at Central United Methodist Church (5144 Oak, Kansas City, MO). Our youth will be sitting in the narthex each Sunday starting Sept. 14. You can sign up to walk or just donate. Look for additional information in the coming weeks on how to sign up or sponsor a walker online.

2014 Holiday Bazaar Calling all vendors! We are now accepting registrations for our 4th Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 15 and 16. The fee is \$35 for a 10x10 space in the Social Hall with 10% of profits going to Outreach. Handmade items of all kinds welcome. Registration forms available in the office or by emailing Kim Mann at kim@mannmadedesign.com.

Writers Group Please join us for Colonial Writers Group on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Suggestions for writing: describe one of your favorite family memories, what you learned from your grandparents, a time when you changed your mind about a significant matter, or whatever you like.

Old Jewelry and Collectibles Ladies: clean out that old jewelry and other small collectibles, especially something that may need some tender loving care, for the Rummage Sale. Please bring items to church and put them on the bottom shelf in the library or call Carla Mattson (816-509-4025) to arrange a pickup. We are already busy marking and researching some small items.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. at Standees (adjacent to the movie theaters in Prairie Village). It will be good to see everyone and tell about summer happenings. RSVP to Glenna Loomis.
- **Colonial Women Luncheon and Program.** Wednesday, September 10, noon, Social Hall. Salad bar luncheon. Bring an ingredient; lettuce and dressing provided. Program: Local Theater – directing, acting, and casting. RSVP to Doris Kurth (913-362-6899).
- **Book Group.** The book club will meet on Friday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Stephanie Graff's home, 4141 W. 111th Terrace, Leawood, KS 66211. The group will discuss the book *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman. Everyone is welcome!

Do you like Fantasy Football? Do you like Colonial Church? Would you like to play Fantasy Football with other people who like Colonial Church? Then this is just the link for you!
<http://tinyurl.com/colonialnfl>

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.

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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