

GRACE IS FREE
and it's free for
EVERYBODY
or it's not grace
and you should use
ANOTHER WORD

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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April 10, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Amazing Grace” Sunday Worship Service in the series *Hymn Theology***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music

Crimond: Variation 3 & 4

-Harbach

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 Musical Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

* **Opening Hymn #42** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

* **Call to Worship - Based on “Grace” performed by U2**

Leader: Grace...it's a name for a girl.

People: It's also a thought that changed the world.

Leader: Grace...she's got time to talk.

People: She travels outside of karma.

Leader: Grace...what once was hurt; what was once friction; what left a mark...

People: no longer stings. Grace makes beauty out of ugly things.

Leader: Grace finds beauty in everything.

People: Grace finds goodness in everything.

* **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 with the words, "I love you, and there is nothing you can do about it!")

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 in Music

Namaste

-Hayes

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

Christian Karma

Galatians 6:7-8 Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit.

Undeserved Grace

Genesis 45:2-11 Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?"

His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him. Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a minister to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. You

may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.”

Grace in Love

Romans 5:5-9 The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people.

God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved.

Can You Resist Grace?

Romans 8:35 Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Nothing Can Separate Us

Romans 8:36-38 We are treated like sheep for slaughter. But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

* Hymn #547

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

We Respond with Thanksgiving and Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory *Crimond: Variation 2*

-Harbach

(Our weekly offering includes food collected to help fill local pantries.)

* 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

Merciful Lord, you are never weary of speaking to my poor heart. Grant me grace that, if today I hear your voice, my heart may not be blind to the needs of my neighbor. 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

Recognition of Richard and LaVonne Grossman's 70 Years Together

* **Hymn #362**

When Love Is Found

* **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**

New Britain

-Kern

Liturgist:

Joan Gilson

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Hayden Huggins

Children's Conversation:

Camille Breckenridge

Greeters:

Stacy Lybarger, Grace Lybarger

Head Usher:

Chester Bender

Ushers:

Bill Yohn, Mary Pelton, Howard Lee

Chester Bender

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is covering the Gospel of Mark. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or sign up 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.

Lesson 6 - An Unfinished Story Homework

Step 1: First Reading Mark 16:1-8

Find a comfortable place to sit, when you can be undisturbed for 15 minutes or so. Read the text slowly, prayerfully and meditatively. Savor the words. Pray them. Put yourself into the text with your senses. What do you hear, smell, or feel? Pay attention to words or phrases that “speak to you” or “jump out at you.” Consider reading it aloud.

Step 2: Second Reading of the same text

This may happen at the same time as your first reading or at a different time or on another day. For this second reading, note any questions you might have. Is the reading all one, or can you see subsections or parts? Who are the main characters? Is there a plot or story? Note additional information you need - place names, monetary values, etc. - to better understand what’s going on.

Step 3: Interpreting the Text and Homework Questions (if you are planning to come to class, give the church office a call so that we can mail a copy of the lesson to you.)

April 10, 2016 United Church of Christ Mission Moment
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)

Called

If the Book of Acts were a miniseries, Acts 9 might be summarized this way, “Paul who was once called Saul gets a big makeover and changes everything.” Of course, the big makeover happens because he sees Jesus, the risen Lord, on the road to Damascus.

Not everyone called to Christian ministry sees Jesus, or is struck blind or founds many Christian churches all over the known world. But everyone called is changed, and the direction of their life is altered.

The United Church of Christ has a process for people who feel called to ministry and want the authorization required to be ordained in our denomination. We have a list of the marks for ministry, and we have steps for candidates to follow. However, in the focus we place on ordination, we may lose sight of the fact that all Christians are called to ministry. Only some are called to be ordained pastors.

Did you know that you were called? Have you thought about how God might have spoken that call? Was there any time/moment when you felt particularly close to God? When you imagine Jesus—what is he doing? What part of your church’s ministry/mission do you feel drawn to? Was there a moment when you felt your life changed direction? How did you find your church? How did this bulletin come into your hands? How have you been loved in your life? When have you felt blind, or like you just couldn’t see? When did you feel like you really finally saw something, someone, or some truth?

These are all questions to ask yourself as a way to discern how and where God calls you. The UCC statement of Faith says: “God calls all of us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship.” What about your call has cost you? What has brought you joy?

God, of every living thing, who gave us Jesus so we might know what it means to be human, breath your Spirit upon us, let us be faithful and compassionate disciples of Christ.



The Sunday Crier

April 10, 2016

Sermon Series: Hymn Theology

The message and theology behind the hymns Christians sing are powerful. Hymns will speak even in the middle of crisis. A tune may allow God to speak in moments when you need it most. In April, the sermon series “Hymn Theology” will turn to some great hymns and the powerful message behind them.

Today – Amazing Grace

April 17 – Joyful, Joyful

April 24 – This Is My Song (Earth Day weekend)

Dialogue Institute Brunch at Colonial on Saturday

On Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. Colonial will host a brunch in our Social Hall with the Dialogue Institute. Rev. Amir Tawadrous of Argentine/Southridge Presbyterian Church in Roeland Park will talk about “Breaking Down the Stereotypes: Story of a Middle Eastern Pastor!” The Dialogue Institute seeks to eliminate or reduce false stereotypes, prejudices and unjustified fears through direct human communication. “We believe that, even in the digital era – and perhaps even now more than ever – direct interaction and dialog is the best way to build mutual understanding, trust and harmony.” Join us as we continue this open dialogue. RSVP to kansascity@thedialoguinstitute.org by Friday, April 15.

Eat at Panera to Send Our Youth to National Youth Event

Thursday, April 14, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Our Youth Group is going to Orlando, Florida in July for the National Youth Event. The Youth Group has been working very hard for the past 2 1/2 years raising money for this trip. You can help by taking the enclosed flyer with you on Thursday, April 14, 4:00-8:00 p.m., to Panera, 83rd and Mission Road. Enjoy delicious food and support our youth! Pick up a flyer in the narthex. You must bring the flyer for Colonial to receive credit for your purchase.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by CHERI VANORMAN in loving memory of Dorothy VanOrman.

HIGHLIGHTS

Grossman Anniversary Celebration. Join us today in the Heritage Room after the 10:15 a.m. service for a celebration of Richard and Lavonne Grossman's 70th anniversary.

Writers Group. Please join us for Writers Group, Wednesday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Be Inspired to Live Like A Child! Join Colonial Women for a salad bar luncheon on Wednesday, May 4, at 12:00 p.m. along with guest speaker, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. After nearly 20 years of working with children, our own Jim Cosgrove has discovered they have much to teach adults about living a more joy-filled life. Everyone is welcome! Reservations are appreciated!

"Crusades" Continues Today. "Crusades," a chronicle of the Crusades video series with Terry Jones of Monty Python fame, continues today at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room with part 3. The Crusades changed Christian theology and began the religious intolerance that continues to divide our world. You don't have to have attended the other sessions and there are no materials. This is part of ACE - Adult Christian Education - which meets on the second Sunday of each month.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will be offering Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase today in the narthex following the 10:15 service.

Feed the Hungry Donations. This week and every week, don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry on Sunday. A hungry family will thank you!

Colonial Women Activities

■ **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.

■ **Book Group.** Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren (3206 W. 82nd Terrace, Leawood, KS 66206). All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. History, sports, human interest, weather, suspense, design physics, oppression and inspiration, this book has it all. It is a compelling true story about an American rowing team unexpectedly winning the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin much to the disgrace of Adolph Hitler's feared racers.

Colonial Friends to Tour National World War 1 Museum. Wednesday, April 27 (note date change). Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and leave for the museum at 10:15 a.m. Tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. or earlier if possible. Cost is \$10 per person, money collected in advance as the museum requires. Lunch at Jack Stack Barbecue north of Union Station after the tour. Please e-mail Joe Cunningham (runningrev2@aol.com) or call 913-341-6303 to register.

Join Artists Helping the Homeless and Colonial Church on the 4th Sunday of every month as we seek to serve those in need. Help is needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving the meal. Meals will be served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — APRIL 10

8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.

9:00 a.m.—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room.

9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.

9:15 a.m.—ACE – THE CRUSADES, Cambridge Room.

9:15 a.m.—BOARD OF OUTREACH, Oberlin Room.

10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.

10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

11:15 a.m.—GROSSMAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Heritage Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN BLUE MOOSE TUESDAY, Prairie Village Shops.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.

9:30 a.m.—WRITERS GROUP, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY, Pastor's Office.

4:00-8:00 p.m.—PANERA FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH, 83rd and Mission Rd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 a.m.—QUILTMAKERS, Social Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 a.m.—DIALOGUE INSTITUTE BRUNCH, Social Hall.

Cross-Lines and Plants – A Winning Combination. Spring is just around the corner and it's time to plan your garden. Here's an excellent source for hardy annuals, perennials, tomatoes, herbs, hanging baskets and patio planters at competitive prices. The Friends of Cross-Lines is holding its annual plant sale on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman Road. Cross-Lines Community Outreach is a not-for-profit organization and your order is 50% tax deductible. For more information, contact Lee Rowe at roweed33@gmail.com or at 913-642-1371.

Stewardship Thought. “Without a rich heart wealth is an ugly beggar.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American writer, philosopher and poet

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.

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