



(The Gethsemane Tree used with permission from Ashley Adcox.)

**People get taken over by the ego to such an extent [that] they can no longer feel or sense their humanity - what they share with other human beings, or even with other life forms on the planet.**

**-Eckhart Tolle**



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April 13, 2017  
12:00 p.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**Thursday: Gethsemane Trials**  
**Holy Thursday Worship Service**

*Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.*

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Gathering Music**

*Ubi caritas*

-Biery

**Welcome**

**A Word in Our Holy Meal**

Communion Prayer

Leader: God, you are with us.

**People: You are always with us.**

Leader: May we open our hearts.

**People: May we know your presence...**

Leader: ...in thanksgiving...

**People: ...and in deepest honor and reverence.**

Leader: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church throughout the ages, we bring ourselves: all that we are, and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

Sung Response — *Sanctus* #793

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Pastor: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie.

**People: We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence and meaning for all of life.**

Pastor: Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death and resurrection reveal the true nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, took a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice. Return to your seat by the outside row. As we come forward, Phil Eatherton will sing *The Old Rugged Cross* by George Bennard.)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our lives be sustained and inspired by your love. May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

### Gethsemane Trials

#### I Won't Deny You

**Mark 14:26-31** After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to them, "You will all falter in your faithfulness to me. It is written, I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep will go off in all directions. But after I'm raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else stumbles, I won't."

But Jesus said to him, "I assure you that on this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

But Peter insisted, "If I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." And they all said the same thing.

### **The Spirit is Eager, but the Flesh is Weak**

**Mark 14:32-42** Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. He said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert."

Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you stay alert for one hour? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."

Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open, and they didn't know how to respond to him.

He came a third time and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? That's enough! The time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let's go! Look, here comes my betrayer."

### **They Left Him and Ran Away**

**Mark 14:43-52** Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. His betrayer had given them a sign: "Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard."

As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, "Rabbi!" Then he kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew a sword and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his ear. Jesus responded, "Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like an outlaw? Day after day, I was with you, teaching in the temple, but you didn't arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

And all his disciples left him and ran away.

One young man, a disciple, was wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him, but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

## **In the Hands of the Collaborators**

**Mark 14:53-65** They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders, and legal experts gathered. Peter followed him from a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they couldn't find any. Many brought false testimony against him, but they contradicted each other. Some stood to offer false witness against him, saying, "We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this temple, constructed by humans, and within three days I will build another, one not made by humans.'" But their testimonies didn't agree even on this point.

Then the high priest stood up in the middle of the gathering and examined Jesus. "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?"

But Jesus was silent and didn't answer.

Again, the high priest asked, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed one?"

Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Human One sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we need any more witnesses? You've heard his insult against God. What do you think?" They all condemned him. "He deserves to die!" Some began to spit on him. Some covered his face and hit him, saying, "Prophecy!" Then the guards took him and beat him.

## **I Don't Know This Man**

**Mark 14:66-72** Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. A woman, one of the high priest's servants, approached and saw Peter warming himself by the fire. She stared at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus."

But he denied it, saying, "I don't know what you're talking about. I don't understand what you're saying." And he went outside into the outer courtyard. A rooster crowed.

The female servant saw him and began a second time to say to those standing around, "This man is one of them."

But he denied it again.

A short time later, those standing around again said to Peter, "You must be one of them, because you are also a Galilean."

But he cursed and swore, "I don't know this man you're talking about."

At that very moment, a rooster crowed a second time. Peter remembered what Jesus told him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down, sobbing.

**A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

**\* Benediction and Postlude** *Fugue in F-sharp Minor*

-Buxtehude



## *The Colonial Crier*

April 13, 2017

**Good Friday Service** — Friday, April 14, The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus. We will eat soup first in the Social Hall and proceed to the Sanctuary for this solemn time of worship.

**“You Will See Him” Easter Sunday Worship** — We will worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16 as we celebrate the Gospel Easter hope that “You Will See Him.” Activity for children at both services. Pastor Aaron preaching.

**Easter Breakfast at Colonial** — Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Board of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

**Community Hymn Sing – April 23** — On Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 a.m. we will have a community hymn sing led by Dr. Joseph Kern. We will have the camera on him so you will be able to see him on the video boards as he leads us through this joyful service. 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. There will not be an 8:30 service that day.

**Movie Night** – Sunday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we view and discuss “Pleasantville.” Two siblings are magically transported into the 1950s world of a black and white sitcom. This 1998 film, rated four stars by Roger Ebert, is “the kind of parable that encourages us to re-evaluate the good old days and take a fresh look at the new world we so easily dismiss as decadent.” Ebert describes it as “a comedy to reassure us that there is hope—that the world we see around us represents progress, not decay.” Popcorn and sodas will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

**An Evening in India** — Colonial Women will host “Evening in India” on Sunday, April 30, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This is an opportunity to learn more about the UCC’s Global Ministries Mission in Mungeli, India. Gayatri Ganesh, Director of Development, will be our guest for a light meal of delicious Indian cuisine, and will speak about the Christian Hospital Mungeli and the Rambo Memorial English Medium School in Mungeli, India. This is a church-wide event. Child care will be available by reservation.

**Serve the Homeless: Note Date Change for April!** — It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents. In April there is a one-time change from the fourth Sunday and we will serve on Sunday, April 30. To help with the

preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>.

**Feed the Hungry Donations** — Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You may also write a check marked “Food Pantry”.

**Vacation Bible School 2017** — Save the date for Maker Fun Factory on July 11-14 at Colonial!

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **FRIDAY, April 14**

12:00 pm—Sermon and Soup, Social Hall/Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, April 16 - Easter**

8:30-10:45 am—Easter Breakfast, Social Hall

9:00—Worship

11:00—Worship

### **TUESDAY, April 18**

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, April 19**

9:30—Colonial Friends, Weston, MO

### **THURSDAY, April 20**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

## **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](mailto:aaron@colonialucc.org).

**A fully staffed nursery** is available each Sunday morning from 8:20 to 11:30 a.m.

**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.

**Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons**—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.