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This image is of the symphony from which Beethoven erased Napoleon's name after the power hungry man declared himself Emperor.



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

www.colonialucc.org
913-362-7735

April 17, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” 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

Ode to Joy

-Beethoven

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

* **Opening Hymn #395 *In Christ There Is No East or West***

* **Call to Worship - Wisdom from Our Scriptures**

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: May we be devoted to one another in love. May we honor one another above ourselves.

Leader: Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.

People: If possible, to the best of our ability, may we live in peace with all people:

Leader: Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

People: Let us not be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

* **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 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
Leavitt

I Love to Tell the Story

-Arr. by John

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

"Ode to Joy" - a Poem by Friedrich Schiller

Joy, beautiful spark of divinity,
Daughter from Elysium,
We enter, drunk with fire,
Heavenly, thy sanctuary!
Your magics join again
What custom strictly divided;
All people become brothers,
Where your gentle wing abides.

* **Hymn on bulletin page 6 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

Love Like Family

1 John 4:18-21 We love because God first loved us.

If anyone says, I love God, and hates a brother or sister, he is a liar, because the person who doesn't love a brother or sister who can be seen can't love

God, who can't be seen. This commandment we have from God: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

When Hope Feels Lost...

Isaiah 49:14 Zion says, "The LORD has abandoned me; my Lord has forgotten me."

...God's Reply

Isaiah 49:13 Sing, heavens! Rejoice, earth! Break out, mountains, with a song. The LORD has comforted his people, and taken pity on those who suffer.

The Eternal Counterpoint to Anger and Fear

John 13:34-35 [Jesus said,] "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

We Respond with Thanksgiving and Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory *On This Day the Son of God Triumphant* -Dupre
(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 Our Dedication to Human Dignity

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People: If possible, to the best of our ability, may we live in peace with all people:

Leader: Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

People: Let us not be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good. 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 #4

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* **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** *Ode to Joy Fantasie*

-Kern

Liturgist:	Tim Owens
Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Pastor Aaron Roberts
Greeters:	Liz Bender, Erin Bender
Head Usher:	Chester Bender
Ushers:	Leonore and Ed Rowe, Chester Bender

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is covering the Apocrypha. 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.

Lesson 1 - What is the Apocrypha, and Why Should We Care?

Homework

The Apocrypha is not commonly read or studied. In many Bibles it is not included. During this first week of the study, we are beginning with some background reading. If you would like a copy of this reading, please contact Pastor Aaron to have a copy sent to you.

Over the next 8 weeks we will be delving into a study of the books themselves.



The Sunday Crier

April 17, 2016

Breaking Baklava

We will be breaking baklava with our Muslim neighbors today in the Social Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service. It is a step in building relationships and friendships in a divided, fearful world.

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 – Joyful, Joyful

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

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! Call the church office or sign up in the narthex today. Please bring something for the salad bar: cheese, dressing, croutons, diced eggs, onions, beets, sunflower seeds, tomatoes, celery, etc.

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 email Joe Cunningham (runningrev2@aol.com) or call 913-341-6303 to register.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by ANN MARIE RIGLER & ERIC WILLIAMS in loving memory of AK Rigler.

HIGHLIGHTS

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!

Let's Make Some Bread! Join us Saturday, April 23, in the Social Hall kitchen, starting about 9:30 a.m. We will have a lesson on making basic bread, with some to sample and some to take home, if you wish. Also, we will be making a batch of cinnamon rolls – with samples to eat! Call or email Marilyn Uppman for details (913-722-1070, gmuppman@aol.com).

Spring Choir Concert. Save the date for a concert of the best of our Colonial Choir. Sunday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Light dinner to follow. Child care will be available.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Colonial Women Luncheon.** Wednesday, May 4, Social Hall. Jim Cosgrove is the speaker.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. Jose Pepper's, 6870 Johnson Dr.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 10, 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.

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>.

Change the World One Daisy at a Time. This spring, you can support Cross-Lines Community Outreach by purchasing plants for your garden at the Friends of Cross-Lines Annual Plant Sale. Fine quality annuals, perennials, tomatoes, herbs and even hanging baskets and planters are available at competitive prices. Proceeds benefit Cross-Lines Community Outreach, serving the poor in Kansas City, KS . . . and 50% of your cost is tax deductible. Mark your calendars now: 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. And don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8. Contact Lee Rowe at 913-642-1371 or roweed33@gmail.com if you can help or for more information.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will offer a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service.

Stewardship Thought. “Nevertheless, the Tenth Commandment—’Thou shalt not covet’—recognizes that making money and owning things could become selfish activities. But it is not the creation of wealth that is wrong, but love of money for its own sake. The spiritual dimension

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — APRIL 17

- 8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 9:00 a.m.—BELL CHOIR, Pilgrim Room.
 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.—BAKLAVA FOR FRIENDSHIP, Social Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:00 p.m.—COUNCIL, Heritage Room.
 7:00 p.m.—ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, Heritage Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.
 7:00 p.m.—BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.
 6:00 p.m.—BOARD OF WORSHIP, Oberlin Room.
 7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:30 a.m.—BREAD BAKING, Social Hall Kitchen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 9:00 a.m.—BELL CHOIR, Pilgrim Room.
 9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.
 9:30 a.m.—CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST, Social Hall.
 10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 11:15 a.m.—COFFEE & CONVERSATION, Heritage Room.

comes in deciding what one does with the wealth. How could we respond to the many calls for help, or invest for the future, or support the wonderful artists or craftsmen whose work also glorifies God, unless we had first worked hard and used our talents to create the necessary wealth?"
 — Margaret Thatcher, British prime minister

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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