



(Hymnals used with permission from Joseph Kern.)

Where words fail, music speaks.

-Hans Christian Andersen



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April 23, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
Joseph's Favorites Hymn Sunday Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Orientis partibus

-Ferko

Welcome and Call to Worship

(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.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

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* **Opening Hymn #556** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

-Laurel Mundell, cantor

Psalm 32

Response Antiphon: Emma Lou Diemer, 199.

E \flat Unison Gm A \flat M7 B \flat E \flat

Stead - fast love sur - rounds those who trust in God.

R

¹Happy are those whose transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Happy are those to whom God
imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no
deceit.

³While I kept silence, my body
wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was
heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the
heat of summer. *R*

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to God,"
and you forgave the guilt of my
sin.

⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer
prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of
mighty waters shall not reach them.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you
preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of
deliverance. *R*

⁸I will instruct you and teach you the
way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye
upon you.

⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule,
without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with
bit and bridle, else it will not stay
near you.

¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those
who trust in God.

¹¹Be glad in God and rejoice, O
righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright
in heart. *R*

*Proper 26 [31] C vs. 1-7. (If all verses are used, may be
sung with double tone.)*

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

* **Sung Response — 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 Sing Our Faith

Hymn #591

This Is My Song

Hymn #553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Hymn #112

Keep Awake, Be Always Ready

Hymn #223

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #258 (vs 1 & 4) *Christ, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory **Hymn #409 (vs 1, 2, & 4) *I Heard My Mother Say***

(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon to help fill local pantries.)

-Phil Eatherton, soloist

* 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.

* Blessing the Offering

Loving God, can prayers of music be lifted up to you this Eastertide?

Can these gifts, given with love,

be further transformed like echoes of grace,

delighting all who receive their blessings?

May it be so, through the giddy power of your Holy Spirit,

and may our lives speak of a Still Singing God,

full of Easter surprises. Amen.

A 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.

Hymn #4 (vs 1 & 4)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

We Depart to Serve

- * **Hymn #547 (vs 1, 2, & 5) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

- * **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** *Hymn Fantasy* -Kern

Liturgist:	Loren Griffith
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Martha Wofford
Head Usher:	Bruce Wofford
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Randy & Sue Freeman, Bruce Wofford

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - United Church of Christ Mission Moment
Holy Language
John 20:19-31

If you hear the words “holy language,” what comes to mind? Christianity does not have a holy language. Latin probably comes the closest for some Christians. Jews and Muslims have Hebrew and Arabic. For Muslims, the Arabic of the Qur’an is particularly holy because it is the language in which God spoke to Mohammed. In the origin story of Islam, Mohammed, a poor illiterate nomad, suddenly and spontaneously produces a book length masterpiece written with such beauty it can make people cry. That book was and is the Qur’an whose language became the touchstone and exemplar for written Arabic for all time. No, Christianity has no language that reflects that intense loyalty and belief. Our Bible was written part in Hebrew and part in Greek and Jesus spoke neither; he spoke Aramaic.

Does the UCC have a holy language? In what tongue does God speak to us? What do we hear, how do we communicate with this still speaking God? In John’s Gospel we read of this intense and very physical encounter with the Holy brought about by the genuine seeking of that great apostle of doubt—Thomas, who believes nothing from the authorities or anyone else but says, “Show me.” Perhaps our holy language begins there—with the words “Show me.” Thomas was rewarded by his search with a real blessed personal revelation. Extravagant faith, like extravagant welcome, is born in such genuine encounters.

Do not be afraid to say, “Show me.” It comes from a desire to believe with more than a closed eye poke at imagined terrors. It comes from a desire to know God in Christ as a living eternal source of everything tangible and good and fearless about living. That’s our Holy Language!



The Sunday Crier

April 23, 2017

Movie Night Tonight – 5:30 p.m., Heritage Room. 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.

Adopt a Thermostat! Following in the tradition of Earth Day on April 22, the Board of Property Management plans to replace 5 thermostats with wireless ones to make Colonial more eco-friendly. These will be easier to control, including the ability to control them remotely. Over the last few years, as groups have used various rooms of the church, they sometimes forget to reset the thermostat and the resultant energy cost can be astronomical. The new thermostats can be checked from home by Aaron or a member of property management, or by Pauline from her computer and reset to the proper temperature. The cost of each is \$125 and professional installation will be around \$50. If a member is interested in making Colonial more energy efficient, they can "adopt" a thermostat and/or install by putting a check (\$125 for the thermostat or \$175 for both thermostat and install) in an envelope and labeling it "thermostat purchase" and putting it in the offering, or by going to our website - select "Property Mgmt" from the "Give to" dropdown menu and donating online. We need five of these, and are hopeful of having them installed next month. Please consider this gift to Colonial. Based on our history with setting thermostats, these could well pay for themselves in a couple of years.

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. Child care will be available by reservation. Sign up in the narthex .

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by EVELYN BOWMAN in loving memory of her husband, Paul.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, April 28, 7:00 p.m., home of Stephanie Graff. Discuss the book *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* by Jack Mayer.
- **Coffee.** Monday, May 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m., Tatsu's 4603 W 90th St., Prairie Village. RSVP: Lin Vaughn (913-961-1247, Linvaughn1@yahoo.com). Open to all.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Cross-Lines Plant Sale — You can support Cross-Lines Community Outreach by purchasing plants for your garden at the Friends of Cross-Lines Annual Plant Sale. Annuals, perennials, tomatoes, herbs and hanging baskets and planters are available at competitive prices. Proceeds benefit Cross-Lines Community Outreach, serving the poor in Kansas City, KS. Mark your calendars: Thurs., Apr. 27, and Fri., Apr. 28, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sat., Apr. 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman. Contact Lee Rowe at 913-642-1371 or roweed33@gmail.com if you can help or for more information.

Ramadan Post-Fast Dinner — Colonial Church is hosting a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Muslim neighbors with the Dialogue Institute on Tuesday, May 30 in the Social Hall. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m.; presentation about Ramadan 8:15 p.m, dinner 8:50 p.m. This late start is required so that the Ramadan fast not be broken until after sunset. It is a great opportunity to learn more of the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions. Reserve your place at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-ramadan>. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please contact Bruce Edwards at 678-662-0956, b2ruce@gmail.com or Mariam Fleming, 913-648-5848, mariamfleming@gmail.com.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate — The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity will be May 14.

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. Some of you find it more convenient to write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. The food pantry uses these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. You do make a difference.

Prescription Bottles — Empty prescription bottles, any size, are needed for a veterinarian clinic that specializes in charity work. Please remove your name or any prescription information. Place in box labeled Veterinarian Clinic outside the office.

The Week Ahead**TODAY, April 23**

9:30 am—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room

10:15—Worship

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:30—Council Meeting, Social Hall

5:30 pm—Movie Night, Heritage Room

MONDAY, April 24

10:00 am—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, April 25

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, April 26

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, April 27

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, April 28

7:00 pm--Book Group, Stephanie Graff's home

SUNDAY, April 30

8:30 am—Worship

9:00—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

5:00 pm—An Evening in India, Social Hall

MONDAY, May 1

10:00 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

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.

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. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, September-May.

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.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

Social Media— Stay up to date with what's happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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