



As long as you're breathing,  
it's never too late to  
**turn your life around.**

Karen Salmansohn

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**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

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913-362-7735

April 30, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
The Road to Emmaus 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**

*Down Ampney*

-Sedio

**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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**Sacrament of Baptism of Teddy Akright**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

Pastor: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

**People: Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.**

Pastor: When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

**People: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."**

Pastor: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

### **Baptismal Hymn #325 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise***

\* **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**

*Lord of the Dance*

-Shaker arr. Carter/Hart

#### **A Word in Scripture**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:14 & 37-42** Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words!"

When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

**Luke 24:13-35** On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

They stopped, their faces downcast. The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?" They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

**A Word Proclaimed**

“Turning Around”

-Rev. Rick Oberle

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

## **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #386

*The Church's One Foundation*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Outreach Mission Moment for El Filón, Honduras

-Tim Taylor

(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon 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.***

\* Blessing the Offering

**Creator God, you meet us on the roads of life; appealing to the faith you have instilled in us and inspiring us to do your work in the world. We give thanks for the Emmaus Road meetings in our lives. Now take the gifts we offer today. May they be used to make Your Presence known to others; and to build up your faithful church. In the name of Jesus, the living and Resurrected Christ, we offer our gifts; 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.**

### **We Depart to Serve**

\* Hymn on page 7      *They'll Know We Are Christians*

\* Prayer of Farewell to Honey Hannah

**God, we give thanks for the time we have shared with Honey. We have worshiped, learned, and worked together in Christ's service. We pray that she will always be aware of your Spirit's guidance. We thank you for the gifts that she has graciously shared with us. Bless Honey always in the name of Jesus the Savior. Amen.**

\* **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**

*Gelobt sei Gott*

-Leavitt

Liturgist:	Diane Kuhn
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Bob Starcke
Hospitality Table:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Bill Yohn
Ushers:	Cindy Lafferty, Mary Pelton, Jayne Quimby, Bill Yohn
Parents of the Baptized Child:	Stephanie Dobler and Tim Akright

# They'll Know We Are Christians

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.



## *The Sunday Crier*

April 30, 2017

**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>.

**Adopt a Thermostat!** Following in the tradition of Earth Day on April 22, the Board of Property Management is planning 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 you are interested in making Colonial more energy efficient, you 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 placing it in the offering. Or **donate online** by selecting "Give Online" on our website ([www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)), then select "Property Mgmt" from the "Give to" dropdown menu. We need five of these, and hope to have 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.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by TIM AND MARION TAYLOR in loving memory of Marion's parents and brother.

## Colonial Women Activities

- **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.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 4, 6:00 p.m., Overland Park Aboretum. Please RSVP to Glenna Loomis at 913-362-1051.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

**May Sermon Series – Crazy Kinfolk.** What's it like with your family? Do you have some crazy stories? This is nothing new. It's tempting to imagine that there was a time when things were simpler than for modern families. In May, we're going to explore some, well...interesting families from the Bible. You may discover some ancient lessons and wisdom for living in the 21st century. My Two Wives – May 7; Mother's Milk Mystery – May 14 (Mother's Day); I'm On My Own – May 21 (Graduation/Confirmation Sunday); If Only You Had Been There – May 28 (Memorial Day weekend)

**Ryan Murray's Ordination.** Colonial Church sponsored Ryan Murray on his call to ordained ministry. After completing seminary and his residency at a hospital in Des Moines, Ryan has been called as a chaplain in Olympia, Washington. On Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m., Colonial Church will host the service of Ordination for Ryan for the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome to this celebration!

**Writers Group.** The Colonial Writers Group will meet Wed., May 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room, when we'll share our life stories, poems, and essays.

**More2 Annual Banquet.** Each year, MORE2, an interfaith social justice organization, holds a celebration banquet to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future. It serves as a fundraising event, where member faith communities, businesses, and supporters can come together to speak about the issues and be inspired for the work yet to be done. This year the event is Thursday, June 8, at the Marriott Muehlbach Imperial Ballroom, 1201 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Speakers are Rev. DaNiece Welch, senior pastor at Bidwell Street Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and Rev. Dr. John Welch of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Register for the dinner at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Forms/359232>. Cost is \$65 per person.

**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.

### **The Week Ahead**

#### **TODAY, 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

#### **TUESDAY, May 2**

8:00 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins  
 9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 3**

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops  
 11:30 am—Mayflower Guild, Tatsu's  
 7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Choir Room

#### **THURSDAY, May 4**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office  
 12:30pm—Justice and Witness Committee, Oberlin Room  
 6:00 pm—Alden Guild, Overland Park Arboretum  
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

#### **FRIDAY, May 5**

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

#### **SUNDAY, May 7**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:00—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room  
 1:00 pm—Ryan Murray Ordination, Sanctuary

## 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. 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 10:15 a.m. worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

**[www.colonialucc.org](http://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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