



*(Pilgrim Church used with permission by Thomas Hawk.)*

**A person cannot be religious and indifferent to other human beings' plight and suffering. In fact, the tragedy of man is that so much of our history is a history of indifference, dominated by a famous statement, "Am I my brother's keeper?"**

**-Abraham Joshua Heschel**



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August 14, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“Filled” Sunday Worship Service in the series *Economy of Love***

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

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Herzlich Lieb hab ich dich, O Herr*

*-Alberti*

**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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\* Hymn #58

*Spirit of Love*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**LORD, we’ve tried to live apart from you. Our daily habits deny your reality. We compete with others without valuing them as your children and our sisters and brothers. We follow fads and false leaders. Forgive our misplaced trust. Forgive our hesitation to take risks to stand with those in need. Restore our connections with all from whom we stand alienated this morning.**

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.)

### **Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks Children's Conversation**

(Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. If you have your backpack, bring it up! Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

**Caring God...**

**we offer these backpacks...**

**as a sign of our thanks...**

**for all you will do...**

**with us and for us...**

**this year at school...**

**Let them be a reminder...**

**that you are as close to us...**

**as the backpack on our back...**

**always...**

**and...**

**forever...**

**Amen!**

*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 Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple**

**2 Chronicles 2:5-6** The temple I am about to build must be magnificent, because our God is greater than all other gods. But who is able to build such a temple when even the highest heaven can't contain God? And who am I that I should build this temple for God, except as a place to burn incense in his presence?

#### **Jesus Speaks About the Temple**

**Luke 21:5-6** Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, "As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

#### **The Charge Against Jesus**

**Mark 14:55-59** 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.

#### **The Early Church Reclaims Ancient Wisdom**

**Acts of the Apostles 7:46-48** God approved of David, who asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. But it was Solomon who actually built a house for God. However, the Most High doesn't live in houses built by human hands.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

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

\* Hymn #607

*We Would Be Building*

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Suscepit Israel*

-J.S. Bach

Lori Jackson, Mary Burnett, Kathy Huey

(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

**No building may contain God.**

**No service can fully worship God. No offering can match God's generosity.**

**We pray for God's blessing on what we do and give today so that it might reflect and magnify God's healing light on a world that needs it. 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 #359

*O God, Who Teaches Us to Live*

### **Blessing Educators**

Leader: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks and months. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy, creativity, and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless, O God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And bless, O God, our cherished children, remembering our promises to love and nurture them. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through their study, they may gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service, all their days. O Lord of Life and Love,

**People: Hear our prayer. 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** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*

-Leavitt

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Linda Moses

Ushers:

Linda Moses, Mary Pelton, Bill Sanderson,  
Bill Yohn

## Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. 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.

Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

*Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.*

### **This week's readings:**

Sunday, August 14 - Worship

Monday, August 15 - Read Genesis 22:1-19 The Command to Kill Isaac

Tuesday, August 16 - Matthew 7 Jesus on Judging and Self Deception

Wednesday, August 17 - Read Genesis 22:20-23:20 The Children of Nahor and Sarah's Death

Thursday, August 18 - Read Matthew 8 Stories of Jesus Healing

Friday, August 19 - No Readings

Saturday, August 20 - Read Genesis 24 The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah



# *The Sunday Crier*

August 14, 2016

## **Sermon Series: Creating a Community of Enough**

Our economy has a simple message – that what we have is currently not enough. Not big enough, not nice enough, not fast or hip enough. The message proclaimed by Jesus says something else. In our August series, we'll compare the patterns of God's kingdom and the patterns of our world. What is the value of enough, and how do we become more like the God who is close to the poor, the hungry, the meek and the merciful? Today – Filled; Aug. 21 – Practice; Aug. 28 – Tension

## **A Familiar Face Returns to Colonial**

Lisa Tierney is going to be volunteering at Colonial Church as a “Connecting Minister” to help introduce and integrate people into groups and ministries as we live into our New Horizons vision. Lisa has been a part of the Colonial community in various roles, and she is excited to be back but working “behind the scenes.” Since leaving Colonial Church, Lisa has worked part-time at an Assisted Living Facility and more recently providing daycare for her and Darrell's first grandson, Zane. She will continue to watch Zane as well as volunteer with us. Over the next several weeks, she will be strategizing with Pastor Aaron and then working to help our ministry grow. Welcome back, Lisa!

## **Grand Mission Festival**

Colonial Church is hosting a Global Mission Festival on Saturday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Peter Makari, area executive for Middle East/Europe, will provide the keynote address. The festival will also include presentations by missionaries from the Middle East. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes lunch. To register call Bruce Edwards (678-662-0956) or online at <http://tinyurl.com/Hands-Around-the-World>. The festival, which is being live-streamed around the region, is sponsored by the UCC Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, Missouri Mid-South Conference, Illinois South Conference and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Greater Kansas City Region and Mid-America Region.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by MARY BAUMGART in loving memory of Norm Baumgart.

## HIGHLIGHTS

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

### **Centering Prayer for Summer's End**

On her last Sunday with us, Caitie Smith reminded us to put away our to-do lists, because "only one thing is necessary." How do you make time for that one thing? If you're still searching, I invite you to try Centering Prayer. Join us on Sundays, August 14, 21 and 28 and on September 4 in the Preschool room downstairs between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. We'll spend a little time checking in and talking about Centering Prayer, and then we'll pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at [elizabethuppman@kc.surewest.net](mailto:elizabethuppman@kc.surewest.net).

### **2nd Sunday ACE Classes Christianity 101**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. between our worship services we are going to explore the basics of Christian faith. Pastor Aaron will lead the classes, which are about 1/2 hour long in the Cambridge Room. Today: Made in the Image of God?

### **Help with These Outreach Collections This Month**

In August, we are collecting for Wyandotte County Head Start and for the Village Food Pantry. Please help by bringing: a large tube of **toothpaste** to send to the teachers at the Wyandotte County Head Start to put on the toothbrushes that the Board of Outreach has purchased for brushing after lunch, a package of **toilet paper** to add to the little red wagon that takes food items to the Village Food Pantry each week. Toilet paper cannot be purchased with food stamps and the food pantry can send each family of five or more with only a single roll of paper to last all week.

**Making the Most Our of Your Pledge Donation.** Payment of your pledge helps keep Colonial alive and well. But for some, fulfilling their pledge obligation also comes with an income tax savings. Using cash, checks or electronic giving provides the basic charitable tax deduction. To get more from your donation, consider giving appreciated assets, such as stocks or mutual funds, to the church. A charitable tax deduction for the full market value on the date of the donation is allowed provided the stock or mutual fund shares have been held more than a year. Even if you do not itemize, the potential tax on the appreciation or capital gain if the shares were sold is completely eliminated. Contact our treasurer, Allan Weil, at 913-652-6883 for more information.

**Save the Date: Gathering Sunday Picnic.** Sunday, September 18. Picnic, fun, games, fried chicken, potluck. Don't miss out !! More info to follow.

## Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren. All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 1, 6:00 p.m., Cozy's (6740 W 75th St)
- **New Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, September 7, On the Border at 95th and Quivira. Orders from the menu, have individual tabs. Men welcome, too. RSVP to Linda Moses (913-642-1335 or 913-522-7308) by September 5.

## New Directory Being Prepared

The 2016-17 Colonial Church directory is being prepared from the information in InFellowship, our database. If you have not done so, please register and update your information at <http://tinyurl.com/database-colonial>. Under privacy settings, you will need to give permission to be included in the directory. Or call the church office with your changes.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TODAY, August 14

- 8:30 a.m.—Worship.  
 9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.  
 9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.  
 9:30 a.m.—Christianity 101, Cambridge Room.  
 10:15 a.m.—Worship.  
 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
 11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

### TUESDAY, August 16

- 9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.  
 7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

### WEDNESDAY, August 17

- 9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

### THURSDAY, August 18

- 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

### FRIDAY, August 19

- 8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.  
 7:00 p.m.—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren home.

### SATURDAY, August 20

- 9:30 a.m.—Grand Mission Festival, Social Hall.

## 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 10:15am 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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