



(Practice used with permission by Work of the People.)

We helped others, it is true, but we did not deprive ourselves in order to help others. We had no philosophy of poverty.

-Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*



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August 21, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Practice” 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

O Heilige Dreifaltigkeit

-Farlee

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 #465**

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Trust is the foundation of all relationships. Yet, we are surrounded by so many lies. We get caught into the temptation to avoid the whole truth, and may even convince ourselves that lying is for the best. LORD, allow me to be completely honest with you. Let us take a moment to sit in truth together and let no lies stand between us...

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 Hear a Word from God

Special Music

When Peace, Like a River

-Spafford/Bliss

Duet: Hayden Ferguson, Missy Flachsbarth

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

The News that "Loaves Abound" Brings People to Church

Acts of the Apostles 4:34-37 There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need. Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, "one who encourages"), was a Levite from Cyprus. He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

However...

Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11 A man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. With his wife's knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Peter asked, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land? Wasn't that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn't the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven't lied to other people but to God!"

When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified. Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.

About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn't know what had happened to her husband. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?"

She responded, "Yes, that's the amount."

He replied, "How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord's Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too."

At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband. Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.

A Prayer For Living

Proverbs 30:8-9 Don't give me either poverty or wealth; give me just the food I need. Or I'll be full and deny you, and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or I'll be poor and steal, and dishonor my God's name.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #492

I Would Be True

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Toothpaste and Toilet Mission Moment

(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

Giving is an act of trust. All of us have doubts. All of us have been paralyzed into inaction at times. LORD, let what we offer today be an act of trust in your holy Way. 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 #588

Let Justice Flow like Streams

* **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**

Wunderbarer König

-Harbach

Liturgist:

Marion Taylor

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Bekki Walsh

Greeters:

Marti Lee, Missy Flachsbarth

Head Usher:

Howard Lee

Ushers:

Leonore & Ed Rowe, Bob Starcke, Howard Lee

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 21 - Worship

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

Tuesday, August 23 - Matthew 8 Stories of Jesus Healing

Wednesday, August 24 - Read Genesis 22:20-23:20 The Children of Nahor and Sarah's Death

Thursday, August 25 - Read Matthew 9:1-26 - The Call of Matthew, The Question about Fasting, and the Healing of Two Women

Friday, August 26 - No Readings

Saturday, August 27 - Read Genesis 24 The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah

Questions

we must ask **One Another**

What thoughts or feelings prevent you from experimenting with this way of living?

Have you had any experience with relational redistribution? How did that experience change the way you think about stuff?

What about being openhanded with your possessions makes you uncomfortable? Which of your possessions do you feel most attached to or most territorial about?

Are you willing to fast from certain luxuries, to practice simplicity, so that others might receive their daily bread? Which luxuries?



The Sunday Crier

August 21, 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 – Practice; Aug. 28 – Tension

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.

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. You can also call the church office with your changes.

Save the Date for Gathering Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at Colonial. Come and join the fun and see all of the opportunities at Colonial Church. Food, games, bounce house, prizes.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by BOB AND JUDY LEVEAU in celebration of their anniversary.

HIGHLIGHTS

Centering Prayer for Summer's End

Join us on Sundays, August 21 and 28 and 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.

We Need Worship Volunteers

The Board of Worship needs your help on Sunday mornings. Sign up to be head usher, usher, communion server, greeter, liturgist and worship graphics operator online. You can volunteer for one of those opportunities with just a click of the mouse. To sign up, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ushersummer16>

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. The topics and dates are: Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? – September 18 (note special date); Revelation or Delusion? – October 9; Following Jesus' Way – Nov. 13.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, September 1, 6:00 p.m., Cozy's (6740 W 75th St, Overland Park, KS)
- **New Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, September 7, On the Border at 95th and Quivira. Order from the menu, have individual tabs and our own private room. Men welcome, too. RSVP to Linda Moses (913-642-1335 or 913-522-7308) by September 5.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Graff. All are welcome to join the group. We will be discussing *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.
- **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>.
- **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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, August 21

8:30 a.m.—Worship.
 9:15 a.m.—Board of Stewardship, Cambridge Room.
 9:15 a.m.—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room.
 9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.
 9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.
 10:15 a.m.—Worship.
 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.
 11:30 a.m.—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

MONDAY, August 22

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room.

TUESDAY, August 23

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.
 6:00 p.m.—Board of Worship, Oberlin Room.

THURSDAY, August 25

9:00 a.m.—Care Committee, Heritage Room.
 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

SUNDAY, August 28

8:30 a.m.—Worship.
 9:00 a.m.—Board of Parish Life, Oberlin Room.
 9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.
 9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.
 10:15 a.m.—Worship.
 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.
 11:30 a.m.—Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room.

TUESDAY, August 30

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage 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.

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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