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**Everything we touch in our daily lives is a miracle.  
By putting the kingdom of God in the right place, it  
shows us it is possible to live happily right here,  
right now.**  
-Thích Nhất Hạnh



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913-362-7735

August 28, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

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

*Wareham*

-Diemer

**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 #21

*God Reigns o’er All the Earth*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**LORD, you choose us to carry out your will in the world. You call us to bring your light and hope into a world that desperately needs it. And far too often we refuse your call. We fall for the lies that say we don’t know enough. We fall for the lies that say we can’t speak well enough. We fall for the lies that say we are not enough. But, your power is made perfect in weakness, and you use our brokenness to build your Kingdom. Forgive us for giving in to our fears. Forgive us for our lack of vision. Forgive and strengthen us, Holy Spirit, to listen to your call and say, “Here I am, LORD, send me.”**

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**

### **A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **God Does Not Want to Change the World Without Us**

**John 14:11-12** [Jesus said,] "Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these..."

#### **Not a Ticket to Heaven, but a Vision to Bring Heaven to Earth**

**Matthew 6:9-10** Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on Earth as it's done in heaven.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

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

\* Hymn #563

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*In Thee, Lord, Have I Hoped*

-Dupre

(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

**God, we acknowledge you are the owner and we are the managers of the world you entrust to us. Help us to generously share the time, talents, treasures, and things you have given to us. 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 #534

*O God of Strength*

\* **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**

*Wareham*

-Carlson

Liturgist:

Frank Robertson

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Camille Breckenridge

Greeter:

Mary Baumgart

Head Usher:

Linda Moses

Ushers:

Sally Huggins, Harry & Kendra Morrison

Linda Moses



What is Christianity  
if it is more than  
just a ticket into heaven?

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What does it  
mean to bring  
the kingdom  
down to earth  
as it is in  
heaven?



## 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 28 - Worship

Monday, August 29 - Read Genesis 24 The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah

Tuesday, August 30 - Matthew 8 Stories of Jesus Healing

Wednesday, August 31 - Read John 4:1-42 Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

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

Friday, September 2 - No Readings

Saturday, September 3 - Genesis 25:1-18 Abraham Remarries and Dies; Ishmael's Descendents



# *The Sunday Crier*

August 28, 2016

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## **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. A goodwill offering will be accepted to offset the cost of the bounce house and food or you can donate online by going to the church website (<http://www.colonialucc.org/>) and selecting Give Online from the menu. On the giving form, under "Give to..." select Parish Life - Gathering Sunday. This is not a reservation for the dinner.

## **Colonial Friends to Ride the Streetcar**

Colonial Friends will be taking the streetcar to lunch on Wednesday, September 21. Meet at Colonial at 10:45 a.m. and leave at 11:00 for Union Station. If you are driving directly there, be at the Union Station information booth by 11:30 a.m. The group will take the streetcar to the Power & Light District for lunch at The Bristol. Reservation is for 12:15 p.m. After lunch, you will have the choice to board the southbound streetcar to Union Station or board the northbound (which is what Bill hopes most will do) for the rest of the loop through the River Market and back to Union Station about 20 minutes later. RSVP to Bill Sanderson at [bills043@gmail.com](mailto:bills043@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by CARRIE AND AARON ROBERTS in memory of Johanna Roberts.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Centering Prayer for Summer's End

Join us on Sundays, August 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](mailto:elizabethuppman@kc.surewest.net).

### 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar Is Coming

Can you believe Colonial's 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar is coming soon? Nov. 12 and 13 in the Social Hall. We can use your help! We need volunteers for: planning, advertising, placing of signs and table set-up. This event opens our doors to the community by offering gift ideas, warm soup and a sweet treat! Plus 10% of all sales go to the Board of Outreach. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time. If you can help, please contact Pauline in the office, Kim Mann ([kim@mannmadedesign.com](mailto:kim@mannmadedesign.com)) or Lisarae Turnbull ([lisaraephoto@me.com](mailto:lisaraephoto@me.com)).

### 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. Orders 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.
- **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.

**Did You Know?**

You can watch our worship services at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our our website. Our 10:15 a.m. worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD****TODAY, 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.

2:00 p.m.—Artists Helping the Homeless, Kitchen.

**TUESDAY, August 30**

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

**WEDNESDAY, August 31**

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

6:00 p.m.—Board of Worship, Oberlin Room.

**THURSDAY, September 1**

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

3:30 p.m.—Justice and Witness Committee, Library.

**FRIDAY, September 2**

8:30 a.m. Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

**SUNDAY, September 4**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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.

**MONDAY, September 5**

Office Closed - Labor Day

## 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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