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**I'm touched by the idea that when we do things that are useful and helpful - collecting these shards of spirituality - that we may be helping to bring about a healing.**

**-Leonard Nimoy**



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January 1, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
New Year's Day Healing Worship Service**

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

\* Please rise in body or spirit

## **Gathering Music**

### **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 #351** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

\* **Litany of Memory and Potential**

Leader: Behold: the ripples of fire buried deep in the dark rich ground.

**People: We are here.**

**We bring our memories and legacy.**

**We bring our bamboo and rice.**

**We bring our taro and palm.**

**We bring our earth and ocean.**

Leader: Behold: the first shoots that burst out from the ground and reach toward the sun.

**People: We are here.**

**We bring our struggles and hopes.**

**We bring our shovels and picks to this land of opportunity.**

**We bring our irons and ditches to this land of promise.**

**We bring our broken hands and weeping hearts to this land of milk and honey.**

Leader: Behold: the golden flowers that bloom with all the beauty and power and fragrance of almighty God!

**People: We are not yet here, but we are coming.  
Help us, O God,  
To open our minds,  
To open our hearts,  
To open our spirits,  
To the bright, new potential you have given us in each moment of life.**

Leader: We thank you, O God.

### **A Word in Scripture**

**2 Kings 5:1-15** Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

So Naaman went and told his master what the young girl from the land of Israel had said.

Then Aram's king said, "Go ahead. I will send a letter to Israel's king." So Naaman left. He took along ten kikkars of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. He brought the letter to Israel's king. It read, "Along with this letter I'm sending you my servant Naaman so you can cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel."

Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

He returned to the man of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for certain that there's no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

**Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10** Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift.

Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, "Look at us!"

So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them.

Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!" Then he grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God.

They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple's Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Hymn #417 vs 1-4 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give praise and thanks to you, O God! In Jesus Christ, you have given us life; brought ministry, forgiveness, healing, and peace; commanded the disciples to heal the sick and continued the healing ministry among us to this day.**

**Keep us mindful of your love and mercy that we may be faithful throughout all our days. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.**

## A Word in Scripture

**Luke 17:11-19** On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

## Reflection

## Laying on of Hands and Anointing

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

## A Word in our Holy Meal

**\* Communion Hymn #349      *I Come with Joy***

### **\* Invitation to Communion**

Pastor:      God be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

Pastor:      Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up as one.**

Pastor: Let us give God our thanks.

**People: It is good and joyful to praise the living God!**

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for creation and the gift of life, for your abiding love which brings us close to you and each other. We thank you for revealing your will and promises for us and for leading us from captivity into new life. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. And we offer you our gratitude for the example of women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. So now we join with the faithful in every time and place as with our voice of ending praise...

\* ***Santo, Santo, Santo (#785 in the hymnal)***

***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon to adora!***

***Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.***

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.***

\* **Consecration**

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in your name, God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: On the night you were betrayed and deserted, you wrapped a towel around your waist and showed us how to serve one another, and commanded us to love one another. Blessed is the one who loves in your name.

Leader: You modeled for us a love stronger than death, and a way for us to gather around tables throughout time, in communion with people the world over, and to remember the fullness of love.

**All: We remember how Jesus gathered stranger and friend alike, gave thanks to God and offered them the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

Pastor: Remembering the wonder of Jesus' life, the agony of his death and the resurrection of his Spirit, we unite in the friendship born of this table and proclaim the mystery of one faith...

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is with us now!**

Pastor: The bread which we break symbolizes our participation in the body of Christ.

Leader: The cup we share symbolizes our participation in Christ's promise of a life overflowing with grace.

Pastor: Send your Spirit, Loving God, upon this bread and cup, that in eating and drinking we gain strength and purpose to be more compassionate and show forth your love and justice. In Christ's name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**\* Sharing the Elements**

(Come forward and tear off a piece of bread; then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row.)

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\* Benediction and Postlude**

Liturgist:	Linda Moses
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Miles Roberts
Hospitality Desk:	Elizabeth Uppman

(Service designed and adapted from "The Feast of Our Lives" by Rev. Dr. June Goudey)

## 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.

*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, January 1 - Worship

Monday, January 2 - Read Genesis 35:1-29 - Family Happenings

Tuesday, January 3 - Read Matthew 11:1-19 - Relationship with John the Baptist

Wednesday, January 4 - Matthew 11:20-30 - Woes and Burdens

Thursday, January 5 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, January 6 - No Readings

Saturday, January 7 - Read Genesis 36:1-43 - Esau and Edom



# *The Sunday Crier*

January 1, 2017

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## **White Privilege: Let's Talk**

Our commitment to the work of racial justice includes the work of seeing and healing our spiritual wounds. Beginning the week after Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend, we are going to begin the challenging work to engage and reduce the impact of white privilege. Everyone is encouraged and invited to be part. Four Sessions – Jan. 22 and 29, Feb. 25 and March 5 immediately after 10:15 a.m. worship service. Each session will be about 2 hours. Pizza lunch (donations accepted). Childcare available. Signup in the narthex or online at <http://tinyurl.com/Colonial-privilege>.

## **Adult Christian Education Series**

Beginning in January 2017, we're going to turn to CS Lewis' "Mere Christianity" for our monthly topics. "Mere Christianity" was written after the Second World War, but it addresses some of the basics of faith and morality. His writing is simple and profound. January 8 - Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe; February 12 - What Christians Believe; March 5 - Christian Behaviour; April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Beyond Personality: Or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity. At each session, we'll discuss the reading. First, to understand the point that CS Lewis is making, and your response to him. **Signup in the narthex or at <http://tinyurl.com/AdultEd2017>**

## **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.

## **Holiday Office Hours**

The office will be closed January 2, 2017. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3. For emergency pastoral needs, call the church office at 913-362-7735 and press 2.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by LINDA STUBBS in memory of her mother, Doris Beurman.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, January 2, at 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Service Project.** Wednesday, January 4, Harvesters Community Food Network, 10:30 a.m. Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. We will work until 12:30 p.m. and then lunch at Chuy's on the Plaza. RSVP to Linda Moses (913-642-1335) please. If you need a sitter or ride, call the church office.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, January 5, 6:00 p.m., Grill at Park Place, 5270 West 116th.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village..
- **Book Group.** Friday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We are reading "Who Asked You?" by Terry McMillan. All are welcome.
- **Coffee and Breakfast,** Monday, January 2, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

### 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. Be a part!

### 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. Art Foster picks them up every Tuesday.

### Colonial's Inclement Weather Policy

The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

### Ink Cartridge Recycling

Colonial youth are recycling as part of a fundraising program. Working with Evolve Recycling, they are collecting laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and used cell phones while raising funds for our youth. Drop your items in the box by the office. Laptops should be taken to the office. Periodically, we ship the items collected to the Global Re-Source Funding offices, at no cost to us. Evolve Recycling periodically sends us a check for those items sent in. Please help the environment and our youth by bringing your items for recycling.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD****TODAY, January 1**

9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

**MONDAY, January 2**

Office Closed

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Breakfast, Big Biscuit

**TUESDAY, January 3**

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

**WEDNESDAY, January 4**

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

10:30—Colonial Women, Harvesters

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

**THURSDAY, January 5**

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

12:00 p.m.—Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00 p.m.—Alden Guild, Grill at Park Place

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

**FRIDAY, January 6**

8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

7:00 p.m.—Youth Lock-in

**SATURDAY, January 7**

10:00 a.m.—Council, Social Hall

**SUNDAY, January 8**

8:30 a.m.—Worship

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 a.m.—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

10:15a.m.—Worship

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School

11:15 a.m.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

1:00 p.m.—OWL, 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](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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](https://twitter.com/ColonialUCC); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](https://twitter.com/PastorARoberts)

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