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Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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913-362-7735

January 15, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend 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

Hankey

-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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* **Opening Hymn #472** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - (Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's words are italicized.)

Leader: Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice. We allow the voices of brothers and sisters who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. We have told them to wait for freedom, justice and equality. We foster in them *a denigrating sense of nobodiness.*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Or perhaps we have kept silence in the face of their struggle for full human life. *For it is not solely hateful words and actions, but also appalling silence that follows the path of oppression.*

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, bitterness. God, you have called us to be *drum majors for justice, peace and righteousness*. Yet the work of peace and justice overwhelms us at times. Working to build the Beloved Community seems impossible, and we grow weary. We cry, “Peace, peace,” but there is no peace within us or around us. We find ourselves on the path of hatred and oppression, violence and war.

People: Lord, have mercy.

(UCC Worship Ways)

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

* **Sharing God’s Welcome** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.)

* **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.

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

Fight the Good Fight

-Smith

A Word in Scripture

Scriptural Foundation of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's" I Have a Dream"

Amos 5:24 Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Isaiah 40:4-5 Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened. Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain. The LORD's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together; the LORD's mouth has commanded it.

Psalms 30:5 Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Question for Today: What Will Become of the Dream?

Genesis 37:18-20 They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him. The brothers said to each other, "Here comes the big dreamer. Come on now, let's kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we'll say a wild animal devoured him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams!"

A Word Proclaimed

-Rabbi Moti Reber

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #584

I Am the Light of the World

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sweet Sweet Spirit

-Akers

-Laurel Weir, Kathy Huey, Kirk Carson, Phil Eatherton

(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

O God, we commit to use all our gifts in the service of acting as your beloved community for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. 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 #593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

* **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**

Lac qui Parle

-Diemer

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Pastor Aaron Roberts

Hospitality Table:

Mary Pelton

Head Usher:

Allan Flentie

Ushers:

Chester Bender, Allan Flentie, Stacy Huggins

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 15 - Worship

Monday, January 16 - Read Genesis 37:1-36 - Joseph's Dream and Arrogance

Tuesday, January 17 - Read Matthew 12:15-32 - God's Chosen Servant

Wednesday, January 18 - Read Matthew 12:33-50 - More Teachings

Thursday, January 19 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, January 20 - No Readings

Saturday, January 21 - Read Read Genesis 38:1-30 - Judah and Tamar

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - January 15, 2017
Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus was not the first person baptized. It didn't begin with him. John was baptizing and Jesus was probably just standing in line. Indeed, John said, "You should be baptizing me." But Jesus indicates that this is the way to do things properly. John was the one baptizing, and Jesus wanted to follow the tradition.

In Zurich in the 16th century there was a big dust up about baptism. A Swiss gentleman named Manz disagreed with an important Reformed theologian named Zwingli about the efficacy of infant baptism. Manz didn't believe in it. He believed that the only baptism that counted was one in which the baptized understood what was happening and could speak for themselves. In infant baptism the parents speak for the baby. In fact Manz was encouraging people to be re-baptized. Manz got a lot of people all riled up about it and was imprisoned. Then, the Swiss council made re-baptizing punishable by death. On January 5, 1527 Manz was the first Swiss Anabaptist (those in favor of adult baptism) executed by other Protestants for a belief. They drowned him by tying his hands behind his back to a pole placed between his legs and throwing him in the water.

Today, the main Protestant denominations all recognize each other's baptisms, and we don't drown dissenters. In January, 2013, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Presbyterian Church (USA), Christian Reformed and the Reformed Church of America, and the United Church of Christ signed a document known as the "Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism." The next time a baby is baptized in your church, listen again to the words of the pastor and imagine how much has changed since Jesus stepped in that water to be baptized by John.



The Sunday Crier

January 15, 2017

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. 26 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>.

Sermon Series: No Certain Faith

"The opposite of faith is not doubt: It is certainty." -Anne Lamott

There are people who believe they have all the truth, all the wisdom, all the divine favor. When this belief is reinforced religiously, these people can become very dangerous. In the weeks leading up to the season of Lent, we are going to explore living faithfully with our questions and doubts.

Are Belief and Faith the Same Thing? - today; Is the Bible True? - January 29; Do I Need Religion? - February 5; What If I'm Wrong? - February 12; Does "Being Good" Count for Anything? - February 19; The Mystery of the Cross - February 26

Sunday Movie Night Is January 22

This month's movie night features "Paper Clips." Whitwell Middle School in rural Tennessee is the setting for this 2004 documentary about an extraordinary experiment in Holocaust education. Struggling to grasp the concept of six-million Holocaust victims, the students decide to collect six-million paper clips to better understand the extent of this crime against humanity. The film details how the students met Holocaust survivors from around the world and how the experience transformed them and their community. Please join us on Sunday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room for popcorn and soft drinks. You are welcome to bring a snack to share.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by MARILYN AND JERRY UPPMAN in celebration of Marilyn's birthday tomorrow.

HIGHLIGHTS

Done in a Day

Stephanie Graff's friend and coworker Molly Lund has organized "Done in a Day," an event to benefit the Refugee Services project through Jewish Vocational Services of Kansas City. Since 2004, JVS has worked to resettle refugees in Kansas City and assists nearly 500 refugees each year. Donations are needed by Fri., Jan. 20. They can be dropped off at the church or at Stephanie's home (4141 W 111 Terrace, Leawood KS 66211). Together with Molly's family we will assemble "Welcome Boxes" for JVS. For a list of needed items, pick up a flyer in the narthex. Call/email/text Stephanie with any questions (slschutt@sbcglobal.net, 816-805-2281).

Birthday Cake for Marilyn

Join us in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation after second service. We are celebrating Marilyn Uppman's birthday, complete with ALL the candles!

Adult Christian Education Series

We are turning 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.

February 12 - What Christians Believe; March 5 - Christian Behaviour; April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Beyond Personality: Or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity. **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 in the narthex following the 10:15 service.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild**, Thursday, February 2, 6:00 p.m., Lemon Grass, 7316 W. 80th, downtown Overland Park.
- **Coffee and Breakfast**, Monday, February 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday**. Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

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!

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, January 15

8:30 am—Worship

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—Marilyn Uppman's Birthday Celebration, Social Hall

4:00 pm—OWL, Oberlin Room

MONDAY, January 16

Office Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday

TUESDAY, January 17

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, January 18

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

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, January 19

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room.

FRIDAY, January 20

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, January 22

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

2:00 pm—AHH Cooking, Social Hall Kitchen

5:30—Sunday Movie Night, 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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