



*(Swan Family Bible used with permission by Greg Swan)*

**“The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it.”**  
-The Trinity of Bumper Sticker Theology



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

[www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)  
913-362-7735

January 29, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
*Is the Bible True?* Sunday Worship Service  
 in the series “No Certain Faith”**

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

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Here I Am, Lord*

-Farley

**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 #26**

*We Worship You, God*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We think we are so smart - that our opinions are entirely right. When this gets really dangerous is when we imagine that you, God, agree with us entirely. Put in each of us a spirit of humility. Help our love of justice and peace be greater than our love of being right. Guide us to paths of righteousness, and may the Spirit that was in Christ Jesus be in 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**

**A Word in Music**

*He Giveth More Grace*

-arr. Fettke

**A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

### **Sola Scriptura - the Great Hope**

**2 Timothy 3:15-17** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

### **A Life-Changing Scripture**

**Romans 8:31-39** If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

### **A Spiritually Imagined Lord's Prayer**

**Dear One, you are closer than our next breath, and beyond the most distant star,**

**You alone we revere.**

**May your peace and justice exist among and in us.**

**May your love and compassion guide us.**

**Feed us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our bodies, and inspiration for our spirits.**

**May the forgiveness we give be that which we receive.**

**And lead us on good paths, keeping us from evil and despair.**

**For yours alone is the universe with all its power and mystery. Amen.**

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

\* Hymn #316

*We Limit Not the Truth of God*

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*From Heaven Above Came Angels*

-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

**Jesus chose the radical middle road as his path. He boldly lived a humble life. Let his church follow his example. May the ministries we now give honor his vision for peace and justice in our world. 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

## We Depart to Serve

### \* Hymn #173

*Tú has venedio a la orilla*  
(*You Have Come down to the Lakeshore*)

### \* 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 *Chaconne in C Major*

-Buxtehude

Liturgist:

Marion Taylor

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Geoff Robinson

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Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Hospitality Table:

Rosalie Henry

Head Usher:

Allan Flentie

Ushers:

Allan Flentie, Randy & Sue Freeman, Cindy Lafferty

## 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 29 - Worship

Monday, January 30 - Read Genesis 37:1-36 - Joseph's Dream and Arrogance

Tuesday, January 31 - Read Matthew 13:1-23 - Parable of the Soils

Wednesday, February 1 - Read Matthew 13:24-58 - Parables

Thursday, February 2 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, February 3 - No Readings

Saturday, February 4 - Read Read Genesis 38:1-30 - Judah and Tamar

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - January 29, 2017  
The Vision Beautiful  
Matthew 5:1-12

You might remember the “Love” postage stamp. It had a few bright paint swatches of color and the word “LOVE” on it. It cost 22 cents and by 1985 over 700 million had been sold. The creator of the stamp was an artist named Corita Kent. During the 60s and 70s, as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, she gained fame for her colorful serigraphs that often carried themes of justice and hope. For years she ran the art department of the Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. In 2014, one of her pieces, a large banner-like painting called *The Beatitudes*, was discovered stored at the offices in Cleveland of the United Church of Christ.

The painting had been created for the 1964 World’s Fair in New York. Painted with bright blocks of color and bold lettering it is covered with words from the Beatitudes and quotes from figures famous in the 60s – John F. Kennedy, and Pope John XXIII. Nobody is quite sure how the UCC came to be in possession of the painting. The United Church Press had published some of her work. Her themes of justice and peace were consistent with our core values. It would have been natural for this painting to end up as part of our denomination’s archives.

The painting was displayed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Cleveland as part of a traveling exhibition of Corita Kent’s work. The theologian Harvey Cox and a friend of hers had this to say about her work: “She could pass her hands over the commonest of the everyday, the superficial, the oh-so-ordinary, and make it a vehicle of the luminous, the only, and the hope filled.” Luminous and hope filled are qualities of these beatitudes of Jesus, taking mercy and mourning and hunger and persecution, and turning them upside down into a vision of a new world ordered very differently from ours.



## *The Sunday Crier*

January 29, 2017

### **Congregational Meeting Next Sunday**

The congregational meeting to present and approve the 2017 budget will be Sunday, February 5 after the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. services.

### **Colonial Friends to Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art**

In February, Colonial Friends will visit the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. We will meet in the church parking lot Wednesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m., organize carpools and depart by 10:45. The guided tour will begin at 11:15 and will last approx one hour. Lunch will be at Café Sebastienne in the museum. Only cost is your lunch. Please contact Bill or Sharon Yohn (913-339-9862 or hohum2@comcast.net) for reservations.

### **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!

### **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. Is the Bible True? - today; 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

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by JESSICA AND MATT KEANE in celebration of Johnny's birthday. We love you Billy, Johnny and Joey.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Centering Prayer for Lent

Instead of giving up something for Lent this year, why not try a new spiritual practice? Join us for a new session of Centering Prayer during Lent. On March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9, we'll meet in the Preschool room downstairs between 9:30 and 10:00. 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).

### Giving Statements

The Giving Statements for 2016 have been mailed. If you gave in 2016 and did not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office (913-362-7735).

### 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>**

### 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.
- **Mayflower Guild Ladies Lunch**. Thursday, February 16, 12:00 p.m., Tavern (106th & Mission Rd.). RSVP: Mary Penrose ([Penrose.mary@gmail.com](mailto:Penrose.mary@gmail.com) or 913-707-8904).
- **Book Group**. Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m., home of Stephanie Graff. Discuss the book *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. The novel is a poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma that spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. It tells a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains.

### 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.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD****TODAY, January 29**

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

11:30—White Privilege Discussion, Social Hall

4:00 pm—OWL, Oberlin Room

**TUESDAY, January 31**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

**WEDNESDAY, February 1**

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir, Choir Room

**THURSDAY, February 2**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office

12:00 pm—Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00 pm—Alden Guild, Lemon Grass

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

**FRIDAY, February 3**

8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

**SUNDAY, February 5**

8:30 am—Worship

9:15 am—Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

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

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, 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](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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