



**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.**



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

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

July 2, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
*Clues Toward a Life Well Lived* 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**

*Dove of Peace*

-Cherwin

**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 #591**

*This Is My Song*

\* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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**Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve: pour upon us the abundance of your mercy; forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Begotten one, our Sovereign. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

### Assurance of Grace

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

### \* **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**

-Rev. Bruce Edwards

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10** As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time, I have  
listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I  
have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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## A Word in Our Holy Meal

### Communion Prayer

Leader: God, you are with us.

**People: You are always with us.**

Leader: May we open our hearts.

**People: May we know your presence...**

Leader: ...in thanksgiving...

**People: ...and in deepest honor and reverence.**

Leader: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church throughout the ages, we bring ourselves: all that we are, and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

### Sung Response — *Sanctus* #793

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

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

### Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Pastor: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie.

**People: We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence and meaning for all of life.**

Pastor: Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death and resurrection reveal the true nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, took a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row. As we come forward, we will sing ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** (#330 in the hymnal and on screen.)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our lives be sustained and inspired by your love. May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

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

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *America, the Beautiful* -Mary Burnett, clarinet  
(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

### **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 #388

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\* **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** *Variations on "America"*

-Ives

Guest Preacher:	Rev. Bruce Edwards
Liturgist:	Ken Werne
Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Howard Lee
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Mariam Fleming, Sally Huggins, Howard Lee



## *The Sunday Crier*

July 2, 2017

**Still Time to Sign Up for VBS! July 11-14.** God Built You for a Purpose! Calling all kids 4 years old through 6th grade. Join us for four days of fun, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs17> to register children.

**Living the Questions 2.0 Sunday Morning ACE.** Begins Sunday, July 9. People know that, at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a “thinking” Christian and that “salvaging” Christianity is a hopeless task. Living the Questions is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they’ve always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. We will begin the Living the Questions sessions in our Sunday morning Adult Christian Education on July 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room (It’s usually the 2nd Sunday of the month). Signup at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Group/Show/2084138>

**Serve the Homeless.** It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents and the next meal will be served on the Plaza on July 23. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial> or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Men’s Breakfast Group.** The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5 (note the change in date due to the July 4 holiday) at 8:00 a.m. at the Perkins on 87th between I35 and 69 Alt with George Tormohlen leading the discussion.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by WALT AND MURIEL SEIBERT in honor of their family.

## Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee.** Monday, July 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Each chapter in the novel follows a different descendant of an Asante woman named Maame, starting with her two daughters, separated by circumstance. Homegoing is a tremendous reading experience by a gifted young writer. Generation after generation, the author's first novel sets the fate of the individual against the obliterating movements of time, delivering unforgettable characters whose lives were shaped by historical forces beyond their control. The story begins with Maame's daughters, Effia, who marries the British governor in charge of Cape Coast Castle, and her half-sister Esi, who is held captive in the dungeons below.

**Help with Worship Music During the Summer.** This summer we want your help with planning our special music during worship. So, we'd like you to tell us what hymn, instrumental, or spiritually significant song that you'd like to have as part of our Sunday morning worship. You are welcome to offer to perform the music, have Joseph play it, or suggest the recorded version that we use. Please enter your suggestion at: <http://tinyurl.com/summer-worship>

**Fellowship Beverage/Snack Hosts.** We are seeking people to host the fellowship time after 10:15 service in the Heritage Room on Sundays. They provide a beverage and snack, set up the room, visit with guests, and clean up. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-worship2017>. Scroll down to find available dates. Please contact Barrie Herbst (913-859-9320; bherbst@pbnmed.com) for training prior to your Sunday volunteer time.

**Shoes That Grow** — We would like to again purchase the Shoes That Grow for our Vacation Bible School mission project. Last year the kids raised funds for 100 pairs of shoes. We would like to send this to Malawi with Stacey Algren when she goes this week. Since she leaves the week before VBS, we need to sell car wash coupons before the car wash. This is an interesting economics lesson for the kids. If you would like to donate in the collection plate, just mark your checks for "VBS shoes."

**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. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

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**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate.** The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase in the narthex following the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be July 9.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, July 2**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

### **MONDAY, July 3**

Office Closed—Independence Day  
 10:00 am —Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

### **TUESDAY, July 4**

Office Closed—Independence Day Holiday

### **WEDNESDAY, July 5**

8:00 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

### **THURSDAY, July 6**

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

### **FRIDAY, July 7**

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

### **TODAY, July 9**

8:30 am—Worship  
 9:15—Adult Christian Ed—Living the Questions, Cambridge Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Fair Trade, Coffee and Chocolates, Narthex  
 11:15—Lemonade & 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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