



Until Kingdom Come...



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

www.colonialucc.org
913-362-7735

July 3, 2016
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Now Thank We All Our God

-settings by Jeffrey Honoré and Alfred V. Fedak

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!

Leader: All the time...

People: God is good!

*** Hymn #419**

Now Thank We All Our God

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, hear our prayer. We know there is much that clamors to possess us: power and addiction; false peace and false community; fear and anger. We know that sometimes we say yes to these forces. We know, too, that you are stronger than even hate and fear and prejudice. So we ask for your help. We ask for your healing. We ask that you make us whole, through the love of Jesus. Hear now our silent prayer.

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

-Rev. Caitie Smith

Luke 11:1-4: He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

Defining the Word “Ask”

- to say or write something to someone as a way of gaining information
- to request an answer to a question
- to tell someone in the form of a question that you want to be given something or that you want something to happen: to request something
- to invite (someone) to go somewhere or do something

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your constant love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We especially thank you that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live with us, to share our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be

done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the angels and with the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High!

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(As the bread and cup are served, we will sing “**We Are Not Our Own**,” which is **#564** in the hymnal. Drink the cup as you are served as a sign of God’s particular love for you. Hold the bread until everyone has been served, and we will eat it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our hope so that it may become faith, and deepen our faith in trusting you. Increase our love for one another, and let our lives be witnesses for your glory; through Jesus Christ – the one who saves our lives. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *America, the Beautiful*

-setting by Calvin Hampton

(Our weekly offering includes food collected 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

Holy One, when we live with a sense of gratitude, we begin to see clearly all the ways you abundantly bless us. May our awareness lead to more justice and peace for others. 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 #311

Renew Your Church

* **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** *Now Thank We All Our God*

-setting by Albert L. Travis

Liturgist:	Bekki Walsh
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Communion Servers:	Marylee Battaglia, Sally Huggins, Stacy Huggins, Howard Lee
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Greeter:	Mary Baumgart
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Bruce Edwards, Mariam Fleming, Rosalie Henry, Ancel Neuburger

July 3, 2016 United Church of Christ Mission Moment - 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Liberty

As we get ready to celebrate our Declaration of Independence, we are reminded that many of our United Church of Christ congregations have a deep history going back to our Colonial days and the Revolutionary War. Old South Church in Boston is where Benjamin Franklin was baptized; St. Paul's in Millbach, Pennsylvania, like many UCC churches, has Revolutionary War veterans buried in its cemetery.

During those years, ministers were known to take sides in the battle for independence. Pastor David Rowland was forced to flee his pulpit in Providence, Rhode Island because of his sermons on freedom and taxation. He landed at First Church in Windsor, Connecticut, one of the oldest Congregational churches in the country. When the British Army occupied Philadelphia in 1777 they used the Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia (now Old First Reformed UCC) as a hospital and a stable. Their German pastor was imprisoned by the British for preaching in German about independence for the colonies to the Hessian soldiers.

As the British army advanced toward Philadelphia in 1777, patriots carefully removed the large bells of the city's churches, especially the "Liberty Bell," which was famous even then. If the bells had been left behind the British would have melted them down for munitions. A farmer with a wagonload of hay unloaded the Liberty Bell, and ten other bells, to a place under the floorboards of Zion Reformed Church (now Zion Reformed United Church of Christ) in Allentown. There, the Liberty Bell was hidden safely until the British were driven from Philadelphia. Zion was also used as a hospital for Washington's army.

The story of how we became the United States cannot be told without our churches.

Dear God, May our churches always be willing to express love for the world through courage and the willingness to be visible advocates for freedom and healing. Amen.



The Sunday Crier

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Strengthen the Church Offering

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to re-imagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Special envelopes for your offering will be in the pews Sunday. As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message.

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:

What is God? - July 10; Made in the Image of God? - August 14; Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? - September 18 (note special date); Revelation or Delusion? - October 9; Following Jesus' Way - November 13. Signup for these classes on the signup board in the narthex or at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/GroupSearch/ShowGroup/2084138>.

July Sermon Series - Jesus and Buddha Took a Walk ...

Many Christians have found a Buddhist perspective on their own spiritual path refreshing. The teachings of Jesus can be seen unvarnished by religious dogma. This month we are going to explore our Christianity through a Buddhist lens to find what the Holy Spirit has to say.

July 10 - Choosing Sides

July 17 - Superhumans

July 24 - Enlightened Sanctification

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by MARTHA AND BRUCE WOFFORD in celebration of their children and grandchildren.

HIGHLIGHTS

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Graff, 4141 W. 111th Terrace, Leawood, KS 66211. The group will be discussing *A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.

Feed the Hungry Donations

It's true! Food pantries welcome all the non-perishable foods you donate because they know hungry people will be walking through the doors every day they are open. However, they also welcome foods that need refrigeration as well. Sometimes stores will have special sales on margarine, cheese or other dairy products. Or fruits or vegetables. Gardeners may have abundant crops to share. Any items that won't melt or decompose for about two hours in the red wagon on Sunday morning will conveniently find a cold spot by noon and be delivered the next day. And they will help someone enjoy a more healthy diet.

Join Artists Helping the Homeless and Colonial Church on the 4th Sunday of every month as we seek to serve those in need. Help is needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving the meal. Meals will be served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>.

A Change in Colonial Women Day-Time Guilds. The Board of Colonial Women on Monday, May 23 approved the merger of the two day-time guilds, Plymouth and Mayflower. It was the board's desire to maintain one of our inherited names. The remaining one day-time guild will be called Mayflower. This decision was made due to the fact that so many of us float back and forth in these guilds. Since this will be a new concept it was also decided that for at least the first year the Board will be arranging the programs/activities while asking individuals to take control of organizing a particular event. The guild will continue to meet at 12:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of most months, September through May. It was decided that lunches out, programs and service projects will be the focus for this guild giving all women of the church a variety of choices. The first program for the new Mayflower will be a lunch out on September 7. The organizer for this event is Linda Moses.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY — July 3**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

11:15 a.m.—Standing Naked Before God Study Group, Library.

MONDAY, July 4

Independence Day—Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 5

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group.

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

THURSDAY, July 7

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

SUNDAY, July 10

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

9:30 a.m.—Christianity 101, Cambridge Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

TUESDAY, July 12

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops.

WEDNESDAY, July 13

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

THURSDAY, July 14

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

4:00 p.m.—Molly's Table, Heritage Room.

FRIDAY, July 15

8:00 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

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.

Listen to our Weekly Messages—You can listen to the sermon and get the bulletin and study guide on our website.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

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