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**Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. -Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

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

June 4, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
*The Sacrifice Paradox Pentecost 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** *Fughetta on "Komm Heiliger Geist"* -Sharon E. Rogers (20th C)

**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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**People: God is good!**

\* **Opening Hymn #263**      *O Spirit of the Living God*

\* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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***Neešaa'nu* (nee-shah-ah-noo), God of every tribe and nation,  
 Our gifts are yours to use, yet we often take them to ourselves  
 And hide them from one another and from you.**

***Neešaa'nu*, we confess that we know we cannot hide from you,  
 That our gifts are for giving away  
 in your world  
 for your work.**

**Forgive us for running our spirits to frivolous things.  
Forgive us for forgetting what integrity means:  
living the shapes you have given us,  
right now,  
until our blood and our fire reveal your holy, red power.**

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**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **The Blueprint for Being Church**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47** The believers devoted themselves to:

- the apostles' teaching,
- to the community,
- to their shared meals,
- and to their prayers.

A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

#### **Growth and Empowerment of the Marginalized**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:14-16** More and more believers in the Lord, large numbers of both men and women, were added to the church. As a result, they would even bring the sick out into the main streets and lay them on cots and mats so that at least Peter's shadow could fall on some of them as he passed by. Even large numbers of persons from towns around Jerusalem would gather, bringing the sick and those harassed by unclean spirits. Everyone was healed.

#### **The Empire Strikes Back**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:17-18** The high priest, together with his allies, the Sadducees, was overcome with jealousy. They seized the apostles and made a public show of putting them in prison.

#### **Joy in Sacrifice**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:40-41** [The religious authorities] had them beaten. They ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, then let them go. The apostles left the council rejoicing because they had been regarded as worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of the name.

## 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 com forward, we will sing ***Faith of the Martyrs*** (#381 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

*Guide My Feet*

Hymn #497

(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

**With these our earthly treasures,  
We bless the Great God of Red.  
We sing praises to your name, O Spirit.  
O Holy Fire of Love and Glory,  
You who touch the mountains and they smoke,  
We honor you all the days of our lives.  
*Neešaa'nu* (*nee-shah-ah-noo*), as you have given  
yourself away to make us holy,  
We are blessed by giving ourselves away to you.  
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 #286

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\* **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**

*Postludium*

-Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

## **2017 Annual Meeting**

Liturgist:	Marion Taylor
Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Guest Organist:	Betty Bauer
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Rosalie Henry, Cindy Lafferty, Linda Moses



# *The Sunday Crier*

June 4, 2017

**Annual Congregational Meeting Today.** The Annual Meeting for Colonial will be today after the second service. The annual report will be passed out to the congregation at this time. There are two items on the agenda. The first is a vote to accept the following slate of new board chairs and members of the administrative board.

Moderator: Jayne Quimby

Assistant Moderator: Kirby Drayer

Christian Education: Carolyn Steffen

Outreach: Cheri Van Orman

Worship: Nick Kromnacker

Administrative Board: Hope Cotten and Julie Burik

The second item on the agenda is a vote to approve the expenditure of funds to create a small chapel in the space now known as the Choir Room.

**Colonial Friends to Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center.** Colonial Friends will visit the new heritage center on Wednesday, June 21. Leave the Colonial parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to the former King Louie building at 8788 Metcalf Avenue for a 10:00 a.m. tour. The center houses the Johnson County Museum as well as many types of arts classes and cultural learning opportunities. Admission is \$4 for non-museum members as well as an additional \$5 tour fee for everyone. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at First Watch, 83rd and Mission Road. RSVP to Catherine Bowser at 913-381-0430 or Bowcat2@aol.com by June 18.

**Colonial Tweens Fundraiser.** The Colonial Tweens are sponsoring a Pawsitive Tails Dog Adoption Day/Meet & Greet on Sunday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Colonial. The Tweens have been collecting pet supplies and funds for Pawsitive Tails canine rescue as their 2nd annual spring Community Service Project. Pawsitive Tails is a not for profit organization focused on finding forever homes for dogs and puppies in the Kansas City and Topeka areas.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by DORIS KURTH in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Robert Kurth.

**Writers Group.** Please join us for Colonial Writers Group on Wednesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Suggestions for Writing:

- Tell us about a time when you took an unexpected road or made a life-changing choice.
- Tell what living in a neighborhood has been like for you.
- Write a little about your most memorable birthday.

And, as always, write about whatever you like.

**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, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs17> to register children.

**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 in July. 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."

**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>

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Coffee.** Monday, June 5, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. The group will discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Day and Laura Kamoie.

**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!

**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate.** The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity will be June 11.

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**The Week Ahead****TODAY, June 4**

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—Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, June 5**

9:30 am—Colonial Women Board, Big Biscuit

**TUESDAY, June 6**

8:30 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins  
9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

**WEDNESDAY, June 7**

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

**THURSDAY, June 8**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office  
6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

**SUNDAY, June 11**

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—Lemonade & Conversation  
11:30—Dog Adoption/Meet & Greet

**TUESDAY, June 13**

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room  
5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village

## 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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