



(Medieval engraving of the *Harrowing of Hell* used with fair use permission.)

**Saturday - The Harrowing of Hell Sunday Worship Service  
in the series "The Last Week"**

**Time and space always change, but there is something which is eternal and changeless. For example, the world and time, past or future, nothing exists for us in sleep. But we exist. Let us try to find out that which is changeless and which always exists.**

**-Ramana Maharshi**



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

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913-362-7735

March 5, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

## **Order of Worship**

### **We Gather as God's Beloved People**

- **Gathering Music**—Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.
- **Welcome and Call to Worship**
- **Hymn #345—*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***
- **A Time of Confession**
- **Sharing God's Welcome**
- **Children's Conversation**

### **We Hear a Word from God**

- **A Word Proclaimed**
- **A Word in Our Holy Meal**
  - Choral Music: *At This Table* by Allen Pote

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

- **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**
  - Offertory Music: *Wondrous Love* arr. by Daniel Pinkston with Mary Burnett on Clarinet
- **A Time of Prayer**

### **We Depart to Serve**

- **Hymn #556—*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens***
- **Renew Our Covenant**
- **Congregational Song of Blessing**
- **Benediction and Postlude**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS**

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| Liturgist:                 | Whitey Ackley  |
| Videographer:              | Geoff Robinson   |
| Worship Graphics Operator: | Hayden Ferguson  |
| Children's Conversation:   | Bob Starcke  |
| Hospitality Table:         | Jayne Quimby   |
| Head Usher:                | Linda Moses  |
| Ushers:                    | Chester Bender, Loren Griffith, Mary Pelton, Linda Moses |

### **COLONIAL STAFF**

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# *The Sunday Crier*

March 5, 2017

**Altar Flowers** — The beautiful flowers are given by LAVONNE GROSSMAN in loving memory of her husband, Richard.

**Colonial Friends to Johnson County Community College** — Colonial Friends will visit JCCC on Wednesday, March 15. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m., organize carpools and depart by 9:15. Tour at 10:00. Lunch at Café Tempo in Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art at JCCC. RSVP to Joe Cunningham (913-341-6303, runningrev2@aol.com).

**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. today - Christian Behaviour; April 9 - Beyond Personality: Or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity.

**Writers Group** — Colonial Writers Group will meet on Wednesday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

**Vacation Bible School 2017** — Save the date for Maker Fun Factory on July 11-14 at Colonial!

**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate** — The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase next Sunday after the 10:15 service.

**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. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at [elizabethuppman@kc.surewest.net](mailto:elizabethuppman@kc.surewest.net).

## **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Coffee.** Monday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, March 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., home of Stacey Algren. Discuss the book *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. This book is the memoir of a brilliant young man whose life and career were cut short by cancer. The author, a neurosurgeon, explores the before, during, and after of his diagnosis with lung cancer. It also explores themes examining the relationship between the mind and the brain, the power of ambition, and the nature of hope.

**Opportunities to Expand Your Circle of Friends** — The next few weeks will offer many opportunities to expand your circle of friends among members of the Muslim faith. Dialogue Institute of the Southwest is sponsoring their 12th annual Friendship Dinner on April 6. Individuals can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12th-annual-dialogue-friendship-dinner-tickets-32049813856>. April 2 will be Baklava Day in the Heritage Room after the second service. Turkish Baklava is a treat not to be missed. Watch the bulletin board in the narthex for dates and descriptions of lessons in the Turkish language, cooking lessons and classes in water marbling held in the Institute building at 4215 Shawnee Drive. Brunch is served each Saturday at that location with a speaker on a variety of topics. Best of all, watch for information about sharing light meals, evening discussions and other small group meetings to share more about customs, beliefs and stories. Members of the Justice and Witness Committee will answer questions, help schedule meetings and share thoughts on how we can support those who share our Abrahamic roots.

**Please Help with Our Artists Helping the Homeless Mission!** — 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 March 26. 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>. The online sign-up is available for all dates in 2017 so please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Colonial Church joins Artists Helping the Homeless on the 4th Sunday of every month as we seek to serve those in need. Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Sunday Night Movie** — Colonial's next Sunday Night movie will be March 26 at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by Art and Marianne Foster, the movie will be "Where to Invade Next." It is described by Rotten Tomatoes as "an expansive, rib-tickling, and subversive comedy in which Michael Moore, playing the role of 'invader,' visits a host of nations to learn how the U.S. could improve its own prospects...Turns out the solutions to America's most entrenched problems already exist in the world - they're just waiting to be co-opted." Popcorn and soda will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

**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 Bible Study** — Our 10:00 a.m. 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 sign up 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, March 5 - Worship

Monday, March 6 - Read Genesis 44:1-34 - Joseph Detains Benjamin

Tuesday, March 7 - Read Matthew 13:1-23 - Parable of the Soils

Wednesday, March 8 - Read Matthew 13:24-58 - Parables

Thursday, March 9 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, March 10 - No Readings

Saturday, March 11 - Read Genesis 45:1-24 - Joseph's Identity is Revealed

## **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.

**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.

**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.

**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.