



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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913-362-7735

May 1, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music

Simple Gifts

-Kerr

Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

A Moment to Lay Your Burdens Down

* **Opening Hymn #439** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

* **Call to Worship - Based on Psalm 61:1-4**

Leader: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

People: **From the ends of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.**

Leader: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

People: **For you are my refuge, a strong tower against my enemy.**

* **Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty God, through the power of your Holy Spirit you enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine. Come now, dwell within us, and make us strong to do your work and will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Song of Praise — 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 Scripture

Matthew 8:14-17 When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.

That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Bruce Edwards

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, the choir will sing *Grace* by Hamlin. 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 Thanksgiving and Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory *Jesus Christ, Our Savior*

-Dupre

(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.

* Prayer of Dedication

Most loving God, thank you for all your blessings. Guide and bless us, and strengthen our days, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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 #44**

Beautiful Jesus

- * 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**

Bryn Calfaria

-Haller

Liturgist:	Mariam Fleming
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Communion Servers:	Sally Huggins, Stacy Huggins, Cindy Lafferty, Bill Yohn
Greeter:	Anne Dwyer
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Rosalie Henry, Linda Moses Tim and Donna Owens

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is covering the Apocrypha. 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.

Lesson 3 - Second Maccabees

Homework - Read 2 Maccabees 2:19-10:38

The Apocrypha is not commonly read or studied. In many Bibles it is not included. During this third week of the study, we will read the the story of what was happening in Israel during the Hellenizing Reform (Greek influence) and the Maccabean Revolution from 175-161 BC. If you would like a copy of the supporting reading, please contact the church office to have a copy sent to you.

United Church of Christ Mission Moment for May 1, 2016 - Acts 16: 9-15

Sharing Faith

Paul was used to making speeches, encouraging people, sharing faith and making converts. He did that wherever he went, speaking to people whoever they were. How wonderful to have the gift of conversation that turns a person toward Christ.

Sharing our faith and our faith stories has not always been something we have done with ease and regularity in the United Church of Christ. But that is changing.

The Kansas Oklahoma Conference's website offers a place where members of the Conference and its leadership share their faith journeys. These are stories of how people were lost and then found the UCC's extravagant welcome, accessible theology, opportunities for service and warm invitation to share in discipleship with others.

On ucc.org you can search for "Hear Our Stories" and find videos of people sharing how they found the United Church of Christ and how their lives were changed. How did you find your church? Have you considered beginning each council, board or consistory meeting with one person sharing their story of how they found your congregation? If we practiced sharing with those we know and who care about us, we might get so good at it we'd share our stories with those outside the church. Now, *that* would be radical.

Old First Reformed Church (UCC) in Philadelphia began their Fall 2015 round of Adult Forums with an opportunity for faith sharing. The format worked like speed dating: people switched up in different pairs and answered questions like, "Share an example of how your faith has made a difference in your life;" "Talk about a quirky church or religious experience that happened to you;" "What makes you feel close to God?"

What questions might you ask each other in your church? Wouldn't it be interesting to hear people's answers?

All across our denomination we're learning how to share what is important to us, how we got here, and how we are church together. Being genuine and vulnerable about our faith in the safety of our church home is a way of inviting the Holy Spirit into our personal relationships and into the life of our congregations. Who knows, if we learn to tell it like Paul, what might happen?



The Sunday Crier

May 1, 2016

Be Inspired to Live Like A Child!

Join Colonial Women for a salad bar luncheon on Wednesday, May 4, at 12:00 p.m. along with guest speaker, Jim “Mr. Stinky Feet” Cosgrove. After nearly 20 years of working with children, our own Jim Cosgrove has discovered they have much to teach adults about living a more joy-filled life. Everyone is welcome! Call the church office or sign up in the narthex today. Please bring something for the salad bar: cheese, dressing, croutons, diced eggs, onions, beets, sunflower seeds, tomatoes, celery, etc.

Best of Colonial Choir Spring Concert

Save the date for a concert of the best of our Colonial Choir. Sunday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Light dinner to follow. Child care will be available.

Mother Ocean – Heartland Connections

Many Colonial members will remember Elaine Giessel as the Garbage Queen of Johnson County because she has spoken here before on recycling and waste water management. The Justice and Witness Committee has invited her back to explore how climate change affecting the oceans really does affect us here in Kansas. She will present “Mother Ocean – Heartland Connections” today at 9:15, in the Heritage Room. Elaine is a marine ecologist by training and has taught biology, geology, microbiology and environmental science at community colleges in both Kansas and Texas.

May Sermon Series: Standing Naked Before God

This May, we are going to consider the power and practice of public confession, based on the book by Rev. Molly Baskette. May 8 – Why Not Just Facebook It?; May 15 – “Examining” Your Sin; May 22 – Recovery; May 29 – “Now is the time when we bring our own stories before God...”

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by HOWARD AND SALLY HUGGINS in honor of their anniversary today.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mother's Day Diaper Drive! The Mother's Day Diaper Drive is here! Bring diapers to put in the grocery cart in the narthex. Or you can write a check to Colonial Church with "DD" in the memo line. We especially need sizes 3, 4 and 5. Why is this important? You can't buy diapers with food stamps. They are fairly expensive. If you can't change diapers often, then babies are apt to get diaper rash and cry a lot. That's a disaster for moms with little support who have few parenting skills. We can help them. REMEMBER, your Mother would want you to do it!

Feed the Hungry Donations. This week and every week, don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry on Sunday. A hungry family will thank you!

Sign Up for VBS 2016. Weird animals are taking over VBS June 14-17 at Colonial. Register your children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors at colonialucc.org at the bottom of the page. Sign up to volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialvbs-16>.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Colonial Women Luncheon.** Wednesday, May 4, Social Hall. Jim Cosgrove is the speaker.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. Jose Pepper's, 6870 Johnson Dr.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren (3206 W. 82nd Terrace, Leawood, KS 66206). All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. History, sports, human interest, weather, suspense, design physics, oppression and inspiration, this book has it all. It is a compelling true story about an American rowing team unexpectedly winning the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin much to the disgrace of Adolph Hitler's feared racers.

Colonial Friends to Kansas Museum of History in Topeka. We will meet in the church parking lot on Wednesday, May 18, at 9:15 a.m., organize carpools and depart by 9:30. Lunch will be at 11:00 at Annie's in Topeka. The guided tour will begin at 12:45 p.m. and will last about an hour so we should be back to the church around 3:30. Cost of the tour is \$8.00 per person. Please pay Bill or Sharon Yohn in advance. Please RSVP to Bill or Sharon (913-339-9862 or hohum2@comcast.net).

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>.

"Crusades" Continues Next Sunday. "Crusades," a chronicle of the Crusades video series with Terry Jones of Monty Python fame, continues at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, May 8, in the Cambridge Room. The Crusades changed Christian theology and began the religious intolerance that continues to divide our world. You don't have to have attended the other sessions and there are no materials. This is part of ACE – Adult Christian Education – which meets on the second Sunday of each month.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — MAY 1

8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.

9:00 a.m.—BELL CHOIR, Pilgrim Room.

9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.

9:15 a.m.—MOTHER OCEAN – HEARTLAND CONNECTION, Heritage Room.

10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.

10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

11:15 a.m.—COFFEE & CONVERSATION, Heritage Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

8:00 a.m.—MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP, Perkins.

9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.

10:00 a.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN LUNCHEON, Social Hall.

7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

10:00 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY, Pastor's Office.

3:30 p.m.—JUSTICE & WITNESS COMMITTEE, Library.

6:00 p.m.—ALDEN GUILD, Jose Pepper's, 6870 Johnson Dr.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

8:30 a.m.—QUILTMAKERS, Social Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:30 a.m.—WORSHIP.

9:00 a.m.—BELL CHOIR, Sanctuary.

9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.

9:15 a.m.—THE CRUSADES, Cambridge Room.

9:15 a.m.—BOARD OF OUTREACH, Oberlin Room.

9:15 a.m.—THE CRUSADES, Cambridge Room.

10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.

10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

11:15 a.m.—COFFEE & CONVERSATION, Heritage Room.

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.

Stewardship Thought. “The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’” — Andrew Murray, South African evangelist and writer

Please remember the ministries of your church in your will.

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 for your convenience.

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. Michelle Turpen leads the group. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year including volunteer opportunities, the annual Christmas pageant, and more.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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.

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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