



The Daily Examen

Our mistakes are something to be pitied and healed much more than hated, denied or perfectly avoided. I do not think you should get rid of your sin until you have learned what it has to teach you.

-Richard Rohr



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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May 15, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Examining Your Sin” Pentecost Sunday Worship Service
 in the series *Standing Naked Before God***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Christus, der ist mein Leben

-Pachelbel

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 #261**

Let Every Christian Pray

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: What is confession?

People: An unburdening, a letting go, Truth telling.

Leader: To whom do we confess?

People: We confess to the One we call Creator, the One who loves us.

Leader: What do we confess this day?

People: We confess the wrong we have done and the hurt we have caused.

Leader: We confess the good we have not done, and the sin we have not claimed.

People: We confess that we live more like ourselves and less like Christ.

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 with the words, **"I love you, and there is nothing you can do about it!"**)

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 Music

Old Time Religion Medley

-Hayes

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

The Case is Brought for the King's Justice

2 Samuel 12:1-4 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When Nathan arrived he said, "There were two men in the same city, one rich, one poor. The rich man had a lot of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing - just one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised that lamb, and it grew up with him and his children. It would eat from his food and drink from his cup - even sleep in his arms! It was like a daughter to him.

"Now a traveler came to visit the rich man, but he wasn't willing to take anything from his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had arrived. Instead, he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the visitor."

David Issues a Decision

2 Samuel 12:5-6 David got very angry at the man, and he said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the one who did this is demonic! He must restore the ewe lamb seven times over because he did this and because he had no compassion."

Helping David Deal with David

2 Samuel 12:7-10 "You are that man!" Nathan told David.

"This is what the LORD God of Israel says: I anointed you king over Israel and delivered you from Saul's power. I gave your master's house to you, and gave his wives into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. If that was too little, I would have given even more. Why have you despised the LORD's word by doing what is evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and taken his wife as your own. You used the Ammonites to kill him. Because of that, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your own, the sword will never leave your own house.

Who Are You Trying to Impress?

Galatians 1:10-11 Am I trying to win over human beings or God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I wouldn't be Christ's slave. Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the gospel I preached isn't human in origin....

Learning What Sin Can Teach You

Luke 11:24-26 [Jesus said,] "When an unclean spirit leaves a person, it wanders through dry places looking for a place to rest. But it doesn't find any. Then it says, 'I'll go back to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house cleaned up and decorated. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself. They go in and make their home there. That person is worse off at the end than at the beginning."

1. **Presence:** Remember that you're in the presence of God in a special way when you pray. Ask God for help in your prayer.
2. **Gratitude:** Recall two or three things that happened today for which you are especially grateful. Savor them. Then thank God for these gifts.
3. **Review:** Review your day from start to finish, noticing where you experienced God's presence. Notice everything from large to small: from an enjoyable interaction with a friend to the feel of the sun on your face. When did you love? When were you loved?
4. **Sorrow:** You may have sinned today or done something you regret. Express your sorrow to God and ask for forgiveness. If it's a grave sin, pray about seeking forgiveness from the person offended, or the sacrament of reconciliation.
5. **Grace:** You may want to return to a meaningful part of your prayer and speak to God about how you felt. At the close of the prayer, ask for God's grace for the following day.

Over time, as you pray the examen, you'll notice God's presence in the moment, rather than just at the end of the day. You'll see that your whole day can be a kind of prayer. Soon you'll discover that you've become, as Jesuits like to say, a contemplative in action.

James Martin, S.J.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #486

I Must Tell Jesus

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost

-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.***

* Blessing the Offering

Creator God of all that sustains us, receive these gifts. They never truly belonged to us, but were always yours to receive back. Use these offerings joyfully offered to sow justice, peace, and wisdom in our world and teach us to nurture their growth and flourishing. 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 #266

Filled with the Spirit's Power

Recognizing Unsung Heroes

* **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**

Sheldonian

-Kern

Liturgist:

Ken Werne

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Tim Taylor

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Huggins

Children's Conversation:

Anne Dwyer

Greeter:

Doris Temple

Head Usher:

Stacy Huggins

Ushers:

Lee & Ed Rowe, Sally Huggins, Stacy Huggins

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 signup 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 5 - Prayers of Repentance in the Apocrypha

Homework - Read Prayer of Manasseh; Prayer of Azariah; Baruch 1:1-3:8

The Apocrypha is not commonly read or studied. In many Bibles it is not included. During this fifth week of the study, we will read the prayers that are set in the years just prior to the Babylonian invasion and the destruction of Jerusalem. They deal with anger when God seems to have abandon you.

If you would like a copy of the supporting reading, please contact Pastor Aaron to have a copy sent to you.



The Sunday Crier

May 15, 2016

Best of Colonial Choir Spring Concert Today at 5pm

Join us today at 5:00 p.m. for a concert of the best of our Colonial Choir.. Light dinner to follow. Child care will be available.

Sign Up for VBS 2016

Weird animals are taking over VBS June 14-17 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Colonial. This VBS is all about accepting the differences in yourself and others, and how the world wouldn't work if we were all exactly the same! Register your children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors at colonialucc.org at the bottom of the page. We also need help! Sign up to volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialvbs-16>.

Contemplative Activism: Sustaining Justice Work for the Long Haul

Gather to listen, learn and discuss how our faith can inspire our work in the community! Beginning this Tuesday, May 17 (we were delayed a week) at 7:00 p.m. in the Northampton Room and continuing each Tuesday in May. Led by Rev. Caitie Smith. Understand the history and contemporary applications of contemplative spirituality and faith-oriented activism through this webinar course.

Meet Our Missionary in Guatemala - Gloria Vincente

Our missionary in Guatemala will be visiting on Wednesday, May 18. Coming from a family which survived a civil war, Gloria courageously now serves the high conflict zones in Guatemala. She is a minister working for peace on our behalf, and we have the opportunity to meet and learn from her – or just to thank her! Two scheduled events on May 18: Coffee with a Missionary, 9:30-11:00 a.m. This is an informal meet and greet at Kaldi's Coffee (7900 State Line Rd). Please note that this is in lieu of Pastor Aaron's usual coffee at Einsteins. Lunch presentation at noon. Gloria will be giving a presentation about her ministry in Guatemala at Cupini's (1809 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111). Everyone is invited to this lunch.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by JANET WEIBLEN in loving memory of her son, Scott Rusterholz.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mother's Day Diaper Drive Was a Big Success. The grocery cart in the narthex was overflowing last Sunday. A total of 1,121 diapers (not to put too fine a point on it) were delivered to Cross-Lines Wednesday afternoon. Plus, we collected \$813 to buy diapers. That's a LOT of happy bottoms! Thank you all so very much. If you were meaning to donate and didn't get it done, we can still take money or diapers.

CTS Spring Wish List Collection for The Spofford Home. The Colonial Tween Squad (C.T.S.) is open to all students in 3rd-6th grade. Together, this enthusiastic group has come up with many ways to start building a community through volunteer projects and family events. This month, they are organizing a Spring Wish List Collection for The Spofford Home, a family advocacy group serving abused and neglected children through Kansas City. You can help by bringing donations to church on Sunday, May 22 and 29. Please drop off your items in the Northampton Room. They can also accept monetary donations to purchase some of the items: kids ankle socks (S-L), underwear (girls and boys, sizes 5T to adult small), flip flops, beach towels, goggles, one-piece bathing suits for girls and swim trunks for boys (sizes 4T to 18), bug repellent and sunscreen (SPF 30+), African-American hair care products for natural hair, combs and hairbrushes, gummy vitamins, triple antibiotic ointment, battery-powered night lights, pillowcases and pillows, washcloths.

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).

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. Today – "Examining" Your Sin; May 22 – Recovery; May 29 – "Now is the time when we bring our own stories before God..."

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.

Colonial Women Activities

- Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit. Monday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY — MAY 15**

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.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room.

5:00 p.m.—Best of Colonial Choir Concert, Sanctuary and Social Hall.

Monday, May 16

7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—Contemplative Activism, Northampton Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m.—Colonial Friends, Topeka.

9:30 a.m. —Coffee with Gloria Vincente, Guatemala, Kaldi's Coffee (7900 State Line Rd.).

12:00 p.m. —Lunch Presentation by Gloria Vincente, Cupini's (1809 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO)

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

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

FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:30 a.m. —Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

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.—Coffee & 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.

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.

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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