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**Checking your ego, abandoning it, letting it go, is a huge part of recovery from addiction.**

**-Susannah Grant**



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May 22, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“Recovery” 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**

*O store Gud*

-Hobby

**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 #469**

*O Grant Us Light*

**A Time of Confession**

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We are so scattered, O God. We flit from cause to cause. We are easily distracted by the next important thing. We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today. Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now. Help us commit to the need that is before us right now. Help us to think deeply and respond generously as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.**

## 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 in Music

*Old Time Religion Medley*

-Hayes

### A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### The Proto-Church

**Luke 10:1-12** The Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. **Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.'** If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. **Heal the sick** who are

there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.' I assure you that Sodom will be better off on Judgment Day than that city.

### **More People, More Problems**

**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-5** While the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service. The Twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, "It isn't right for us to set aside proclamation of God's word in order to serve tables. Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. As for us, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the service of proclaiming the word." This proposal pleased the entire community.

### **Learning Again to be Church**

"The Church has an enormous amount to learn from [groups like Alcoholics Anonymous]. I also believe that what goes on in them is far closer to what Christ meant his Church to be, and what it originally was, than much of what goes on in most churches I know. And these groups have no buildings or official leadership or money. They have no rummage sales, no altar guilds, no every-member canvases. They have no preachers, no choirs, no liturgy, no real estate. They have no creeds. They have no program. They make you wonder if the best thing that could happen to many a church might not be to have its building burn down and to lose all its money. Then all that the people would have left would be God and each other." -Rev. Fred Buechner

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

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

\* Hymn #473

*Blessed Assurance*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Youtz Thank You for NYE Support  
(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, take these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and desire to be your hands and feet in the world. Reveal to us, your always evolving people, how we might love and serve a world in recovery. 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**

### **Colonial Tween Squad Mission Moment**

\* 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** *Mitten wir im Leben sind*

-Scheidt

Liturgist:	Bruce Edwards
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Children's Conversation:	Bekki Walsh
Greeter:	Jill Buckstead
Head Usher:	Elizabeth Uppman
Ushers:	Jayne Quimby, Jan Parkinson, Chucho Marquez, Elizabeth Uppman

## Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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## 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 6 - Sirach**

**Homework - Read Sirach 1-2, 27:30-29:13; 42:15-43:33; 50:1-51:13**

The Apocrypha is not commonly read or studied. In many Bibles it is not included. During this sixth week of the study, we will read Sirach, a collection of teachings from an ancient school of wisdom. The topics range from ethics, household and social advice, to politics. Much of it revolves around living as disciple in times that are hostile to religion.

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 22, 2016

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## **Movie Night Tonight!**

Join us for our last Movie Night before summer break tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. We will view and discuss "Twelve Angry Men." In the 1957 drama, 12 jurors of a murder case deliberate. Eleven of the men believe the defendant to be guilty; only one (Henry Fonda) has doubts. Can he manage to convince the others? Starring Lee Cobb, E.G. Marshall, Jack Warden, and Jack Klugman and others. Popcorn and soft drinks provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

## **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! Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Northhampton Room. Led by Rev. Caitie Smith. Understand the history and contemporary applications of contemplative spirituality and faith-oriented activism through this webinar course.

## **Ramadan Post-Fast Dinner**

Colonial has received an invitation to be a part of a Ramadan post-fast dinner on Monday, June 13 at Colonial in the Social Hall. It will begin at 8:50 p.m. with a short description of the holiday and the customs that are a part of the life of Muslims. Dinner will follow. This late start is required so that the Ramadan fast not be broken until after sunset. It is a great opportunity to learn more of the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions. It is also an opportunity to strengthen the friendships that have been established at the recent dinners shared in the Colonial Dinner Club. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, contact Bruce Edwards at 678-662-0956 or Mariam Fleming, 913-648-5848, mariamfleming@gmail.com.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by **Jane & Whitey Ackley** In loving memory of Russell Mann and Clayton Ackley.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Standing Naked Before God Study Group.** Sitting with the pain and joy of being a human, while refusing to run for any exits, is the only way to become a real human being. Brave is a decision. Email Rev. Caitie Smith at [caitie.smith@colonialucc.org](mailto:caitie.smith@colonialucc.org) if you are interested in joining the study. The group will meet Sundays in the Library immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service.

**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](http://colonialucc.org) at the bottom of the page. We also need help! Sign up to volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialvbs-16>.

**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.

**May Sermon Series:** Standing Naked Before God. This May, we are going to consider the power and practice of public confession. Today – 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. A hungry family will thank you!

### 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 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.

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

5:30 p.m.—Sunday Night Movie, Heritage Room.

### **MONDAY, MAY 23**

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Board, Charlotte Drayer's Home.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 24**

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

9:30 a.m. —Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein's in Prairie Village.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 26**

9:00 a.m.-Care Committee, Heritage Room.

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 29**

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.

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 30**

Office Closed - Memorial Day

## 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, August-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](http://www.colonialucc.org)**—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

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