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**Together we can face any challenges as deep as
the ocean and as high as the sky.**

-Sonia Gandhi



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May 28, 2017
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
If Only You Had Been Here Sunday Worship Service
 In the series “Crazy Kinfolk”**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

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 #423** *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ’s sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world.

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

If Only You Had Been Here...

John 11:17-21 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

Even the Strongest Faith Doesn't Mean You Won't Hurt

John 11:23-27 Jesus told [Martha], "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

John 11:33-35 When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to cry.

A Sign That We Are Never Alone

John 11:37-44 [Some people] said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?"

So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me."

Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #539

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Lean On Me

-Club Nouveau

(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

Ever-present and loving God, your Word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ's witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. 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 #393**

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

*** 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**

Liturgist:	Jayne Quimby
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Bill Yohn
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Cindy Lafferty, Leonore and Ed Rowe

United Church of Christ Mission Moment - Sunday, May 28, 2017
Spirit of Witness
John 17:1-11

Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day and began as a holiday to honor Union Soldiers after the Civil War. Today, with smart bombs and drone strikes and armor, the casualties we face are just not the same. The Civil War was fought by foot soldiers facing cannons and guns. 620,000 soldiers died from both sides. That's more than our soldier's deaths from both World War I and World War II. Thousands bled out on fields without modern medical help. One in 13 who went to battle came home missing a limb. Since then, our wars have been overseas, and most of us don't have a clue what war means to the soldier, or what the soldier sees.

We have always asked much of our service men and women. We have asked them to take on physical and mental and spiritual and moral challenges that many of them were not prepared for. Soldiers on the front line confront their own mortality every day. This is what we ask of them to keep us safe and to protect the rights of others.

The UCC has 45 chaplains on active duty, in the National Guard and with the U.S. Army Reserves. There are also five seminarians preparing for military chaplaincy in the Army and Navy. We had two UCC chaplains deployed to Afghanistan. While the UCC ordains those chaplains, they are able to pastor to a variety of faiths within their military unit. All chaplains also conduct themselves as commissioned officers.

This Memorial Day let us remember all those who put their lives on the line for us.

O God, who breathes life in all beings and is the God of all nations, may the graves of our soldiers be a testament to all the good we will do in their name. May we honor them by being a light on a hill. Keep those currently in service safe. Let them stay clear about who they are in their deepest selves. Jesus, walk with them, let them know they are not alone. Amen.



The Sunday Crier

May 28, 2017

Annual Congregational Meeting on June 4. The Annual Meeting for Colonial will be Sunday June 4, 2017 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 Tweens Fundraiser. The Colonial Tweens are 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. All rescues live as family members in loving, volunteer foster homes until they are adopted. Please consider donating the following new, or gently used items: *water and food bowls, crates, collars, leashes, pet beds, Kong brand toys, or IAMS PROACTIVE HEALTH Smart Puppy Dry Puppy Food.* **Stop by the CTS room for refreshments and drop off your contributions today.** We will also accept cash, or check donations. All checks must be made payable to Pawsitive Tails. **Dog Adoption Day / Meet & Greet** on Sun., June 11, 11:30-1:00 at Colonial.

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.

*Altar
Flowers*

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

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."

Ramadan Post-Fast Dinner — Colonial Church is hosting a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Muslim neighbors with the Dialogue Institute on Tuesday, May 30 in the Social Hall. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m.; presentation about Ramadan 8:15 p.m, dinner 8:50 p.m. 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. Reserve your place at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-ramadan>.

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.

Before the Flood – A Climate Change Documentary from National Geographic. The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church are co-sponsoring a screening of National Geographic's educational and advocacy documentary about Climate Change featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and others on Monday, June 5, at Village Church (6641 Mission Rd, Prairie Village KS). A discussion will follow. Before the Flood follows Leonardo DiCaprio as he travels to five continents meeting people whose lives have been devastated by global warming and learns how we already have the capacity to solve this crisis. Screening is free. Walk-ins are welcome.

More2 Annual Banquet. Each year, MORE2, an interfaith social justice organization, holds a celebration banquet to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future. It serves as a fundraising event, where member faith communities, businesses, and supporters can come together to speak about the issues and be inspired for the work yet to be done. This year the event is Thursday, June 8, at the Marriott

Muehlbach Imperial Ballroom, 1201 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Register at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Forms/359232>. Cost is \$65 per person.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, May 28

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Tweens Open House in their room.

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

2:00 pm—Artists Helping Homeless Food Preparation, Social Hall Kitchen

MONDAY, May 29

Office Closed—Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 30

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room

8:00 pm—Post-Ramadan Dinner and Program, Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 31

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

THURSDAY, June 1

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, June 2

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, 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 5

8:30 am—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 am —Book Group, 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, 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—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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