



*(Reconciliation by Josefina de Vasconcellos with permission by Ben Sutherland)*

**The work of community, love, reconciliation, restoration is the work we cannot leave up to politicians. This is the work we are all called to do.**

**-Shane Claiborne**



**Colonial Church**

*in Prairie Village*

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May 7, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
***My Two Wives* 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**

*Nicea*

-Farlee

**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 #349**

*I Come with Joy*

\* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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**We hear the call to trust in God always,**

**But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts**

**are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.**

**We remember how Abram dared to believe in God’s promises,**

**But belief like that is hard to come by.**

**We are often inclined to think,**

**“God helps those who help themselves,”**

**instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.**

**When the world seems filled with dangers,**

**we can be quick to protect ourselves,  
 And we forget the wisdom of scripture,  
 which reminds us that we find traces of evil both  
 outside and inside of ourselves.  
 With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles,  
 and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull.  
 Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

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

#### **Abram's Loyalty**

**Genesis 14:14-16** When Abram heard that his [nephew Lot] had been captured, he took all of the loyal men born in his household, three hundred eighteen, and went after [the kings] as far as Dan. During the night, he and his servants divided themselves up against them, attacked, and chased them to Hobah, north of Damascus. He brought back all of the looted property, together with his relative Lot and Lot's property, wives, and people.

#### **Abram's Impatience and Doubt with God's Response**

**Genesis 15:2-5** Abram said, "LORD God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The LORD's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them. He continued, "This is how many children you will have."

#### **Abram's Disengagement**

**Genesis 16:6** Abram said to Sarai, "Since she's your servant, do whatever you wish to her." So Sarai treated [Hagar] harshly, and she ran away from Sarai.

#### **Abram Lets Hagar and Ishmael Leave without a Word of Support**

**Genesis 21:9-11** Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac." This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son.

#### **Breaking the Curse**

**2 Corinthians 5:19-20** God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled."

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

## A Word in Our Holy Meal

### Communion Prayer

Leader: God, you are with us.

**People: You are always with us.**

Leader: May we open our hearts.

**People: May we know your presence...**

Leader: ...in thanksgiving...

**People: ...and in deepest honor and reverence.**

Leader: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church throughout the ages, we bring ourselves: all that we are, and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

### Sung Response — *Sanctus* #793

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

### Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Pastor: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie.

**People: We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence and meaning for all of life.**

Pastor: Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death and resurrection reveal the true nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, took a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Come forward and take a piece of bread, then dip only the bread into the chalice – no fingers please. Return to your seat by the outside row. Our choir will sing *Come, Spirit, Come* by Mary Kay Beall.)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our lives be sustained and inspired by your love. May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

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

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

#### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Christ is Risen From the Dead* -Dupre  
(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

**Thank you, Risen Christ, for moving the hearts of the people to give of themselves. May our offerings of service and financial support give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. 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**

\* **Ordination Hymn #355 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian***

\* **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**     *Gaudeamus pariter*

-Farlee

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# *The Sunday Crier*

May 7, 2017

**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>.

**Support Effort to End Hunger** Colonial Church cares about hungry people. Each Sunday generous members bring food to fill our red wagon and write checks to the food pantry. These donations help folks locally next week, but what about the week after that and after that? And, what about the nearly 800 people around the world who lack sufficient nutrition? The Justice and Witness Committee believes we can do more. We can support Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad by 2030. We can add our voices to the thousands of others who are urging Congress to make funding decisions that support programs helping families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty. **Next Sunday**, Justice and Witness members will have petitions in the narthex to be sent to Rep. Kevin Yoder and Senators Roberts and Moran. We invite everyone to add their name to ours as we do our part to realize God's vision where all people "will hunger no more" (Revelation 7:16). We will also have contact information for those who care to call or email their legislator. Or you can sign the petitions on the bulletin board in the hall.

**Mother's Day Diaper Drive. Mother's Day Diaper Drive.** Surely, you won't forget Mother's Day! Bring diapers or money for diapers to church next Sunday. There is always a shortage of diapers at Cross-Lines and all the other places that distribute them. Moms know that if you don't change diapers often enough, then babies get diaper rash, and cry all the time – a disaster for Moms who themselves weren't very well raised and don't know how to be a good mother. Diapers help! The grocery cart is in the narthex, or write a check to Colonial with Diaper Drive in the memo line. Agencies can get diapers at very good prices from Harvesters. Remember, your Mother would want you to do it.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by HOWARD AND SALLY HUGGINS in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

**Colonial Friends To OP Arboretum.** Colonial Friends will tour the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at Carrabba's, 10586 Metcalf Lane, 66212. Meet at Carrabba's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to the arboretum (8909 W. 179th Street, 66013). RSVP to Catherine Bowser (Bowcat2@aol.com or 913-381-0430).

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Coffee.** Monday, May 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m., Tatsu's 4603 W 90th St., Prairie Village. RSVP: Lin Vaughn (913-961-1247, Linvaughn1@yahoo.com). Open to all.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, May 4, 6:00 p.m., Overland Park Arboretum. Please RSVP to Glenna Loomis at 913-362-1051.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

**May Sermon Series – Crazy Kinfolk.** What's it like with your family? Do you have some crazy stories? This is nothing new. It's tempting to imagine that there was a time when things were simpler than for modern families. In May, we're going to explore some, well...interesting families from the Bible. You may discover some ancient lessons and wisdom for living in the 21st century. My Two Wives – today; Mother's Milk Mystery – May 14 (Mother's Day); I'm On My Own – May 21 (Graduation/Confirmation Sunday); If Only You Had Been There – May 28 (Memorial Day weekend)

**Writers Group.** The Colonial Writers Group will meet Wed., May 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room, when we'll share our life stories, poems, and essays.

**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 on **Sunday, May 21 and 28.** We will also accept cash, or check donations. All checks must be made payable to Pawsitive Tails.

**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. Speakers are Rev. DaNiece Welch, senior pastor at Bidwell Street Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and Rev. Dr. John Welch of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Register for the dinner at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Forms/359232>. Cost is \$65 per person.

**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate** — The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity will be May 14.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, May 7**

8:30 am-Worship  
 9:00—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room  
 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—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room  
 1:00 pm—Ryan Murray Ordination, Sanctuary

### **TUESDAY, May 9**

9:30 am —Book Group, Heritage Room  
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose

### **WEDNESDAY, May 10**

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

### **THURSDAY, May 11**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor's Office  
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

### **SUNDAY, May 14**

8:30 am-Worship  
 9:00—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room  
 9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 10:15—Worship  
 10:30—Sunday School  
 11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room  
 11:15—Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate, Narthex

## 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, 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 10:15 a.m. worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

**[www.colonialucc.org](http://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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