



(Frances Perkins used with permission by the Kheel Center.)

Men know and respect their mothers - 99 percent of them do.... I said to myself, 'That's the way to get things done. So behave, dress, and so comport yourself that you remind them subconsciously of their mothers.' -Frances Perkins



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May 8, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Why Not Just Facebook It?” Mother’s Day 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

Nicaea

-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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Bell Choir Anthem *Sing Praise to God, Ye Sons and Daughters* -arr. by Krug

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession - Proverbs 31:10-12; 25-30

A competent wife, how does one find her? Her value is far above pearls. Her husband entrusts his heart to her, and with her he will have all he needs. She brings him good and not trouble all the days of her life.

Strength and honor are her clothing; she is confident about the future. Her mouth is full of wisdom; kindly teaching is on her tongue. She is vigilant over the activities of her household; she doesn't eat the food of laziness. Her children bless her; her husband praises her: "Many women act competently, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Prayer of Confession -written and used with permission by Rick Lindholz
 Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word
 And are inspired, encouraged, and grateful.
 But some of us are tempted to doubt
 That Your grace could ever produce
 these kinds of virtues in our lives.

Some of us are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness
 Because of those who have let us down.
 Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings,
 and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.

Forgive us for doubt, resentment,
 unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes.
 Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.

In Spite of our failures and sin,
 We trust in Your power to transform our lives.
 Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus,
 So that our lives may bring Joy to Your world
 And Praise to Your Name.

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

He is the Rock

Barrett

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

"Mother Perkins' Key Verse"

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

A Truth of Life

Hebrews 4:13 Before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Jesus' Word to His Church

Matthew 7:3-5 Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye.

Being Real Before God

Joel 2:13 Tear your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for God is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Holy Jesus is Risen from the Dead

-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

O God, receive these gifts, bless them and multiply them, that they may strengthen and unify the work of your Church here and around the Earth you love. In Jesus' name 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 #429

God, Bless Our Homes

* **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** *Veni, Creator Spiritus*

-Peeters

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| Liturgist: | Marion Taylor |
| Videographer: | Geoff Robinson |
| Worship Graphics Operator: | Hayden Huggins |
| Children's Conversation: | Marylee Battaglia |
| Greeters: | Barrie Herbst, Nicholas Herbst |
| Head Usher: | Elizabeth Uppman |
| Ushers: | Chucho Marquez, Mary Pelton, Elizabeth Uppman, Bill Yohn |

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 4 - Fourth Maccabees

Homework - Read 4 Maccabees 1-7; Galatians 5-6

The Apocrypha is not commonly read or studied. In many Bibles it is not included. During this Fourth week of the study, we will read the a speech about finding a moral compass to learn to master your emotions and desires in order to live in peace.

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

Meet Our New Associate Pastor

Rev. Caitie Smith has been called as our part-time Associate Pastor.

Caitie, a relative newcomer to the Kansas City area, is originally from Asheboro, NC. She holds her Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University: School of Divinity and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Pfeiffer University. She was authorized as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ in November 2015. She recently completed a two year clergy residency at Community Christian Church, Kansas City MO as the Resident Associate Minister. She is also a part time Associate Minister for Peace Christian Church UCC, her ordaining congregation.



As Associate Pastor, Caitie will offer her gifts and leadership in many areas of the church including crafting worship, leading book and Bible studies, offering pastoral care, and leading conversation around new opportunities for activism and community organizing. She will serve on a temporary basis, but looks forward to getting to know the congregation and help it grow into it's New Horizon Vision.

Caitie is married to Rev. Jimmy Gawne, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ordained minister. They are enjoying living in the Westport neighborhood of Kansas City, MO with their cantankerous cat, Tyson, and excitable black lab, Albus. In their spare time, they enjoy taking in live music, reading, playing with Albus, and exploring the outdoors and local area.



The Sunday Crier

May 8, 2016

Best of Colonial Choir Spring Concert Next Sunday

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

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...”

Mother’s Day Diaper Drive

Today is Mother’s Day, and you know what that means – THE MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER DRIVE! Did you remember to bring diapers to put in the grocery cart in the narthex? You can also just write a check to the church with “DD” in the memo line. The agencies that work with needy folk always run out of diapers. Do it for your Mom!

Sign Up for VBS 2016

Weird animals are taking over VBS June 14-17 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. 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>.

“Crusades” Continues Today

“Crusades,” a chronicle of the Crusades video series with Terry Jones of Monty Python fame, continues at 9:15 a.m. today 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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by JOHN YATSOOK in loving memory of his wife, Jane Yatsook and his daughter, Paula Yatsook.

HIGHLIGHTS

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 Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Northhampton 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. We will begin with building a foundational understanding of Christian contemplation and mysticism from Jesus to contemporary contemplatives. Then we'll explore lineages of justice-seeking in faith traditions beyond Christianity and begin to offer understanding why activism for people of faith can be more grounded and whole by integrating the contemplative dimension. We will continue with practical tools and practices for organizing and engaging models of contemplative activism in your home communities and faith contexts.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will be offering Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase today in the narthex following the 10:15 service.

Work to Begin on Play Area. Over the next few weeks you may notice work on the grassy area south of the mulched-in playset in back of the church. Jack Griswold, Eagle Scout candidate, will be landscaping that area with pea gravel, edging, some seating, and a few plants to spruce it up for his Eagle project. If you see Scouts working please direct any questions to Bill Sanderson or Aaron Roberts. The plan is for them to complete the job on a Saturday in May, then come back off and on for a week or so to water any new plants they have installed as a part of the renovation. When the project is done, the area will be more pleasing to the eye and more usable for kids and parents.

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

■ **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).

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — 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.
 10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.
 10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 11:15 a.m.—COFFEE & CONVERSATION, Heritage Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.
 5:30 p.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN BLUE MOOSE TUESDAY, Prairie Village Shops.
 7:00 p.m.—CONTEMPLATIVE ACTIVISM, Northampton Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.
 9:30 a.m.—WRITERS GROUP, Heritage Room.
 12:30 p.m.—MAYFLOWER GUILD, Heritage Room.
 7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

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

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- 7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN BOOK GROUP, Stacey Algren's Home.

SUNDAY, 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.

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>.

Stewardship Thought. “What difference does it make how much you have? What you do not have amounts to much more.” — Seneca, Roman philosopher and poet

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.

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