



(Plants with No Root used with permission by Colonial Church Sunday School.)

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

-Marcus Garvey



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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November 6, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “No Root” Sunday Worship Service
 in the series *Together We Can Blossom!***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

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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 #299**

For All the Saints

We Remember in Our Holy Meal

All Saints Sunday Communion Prayer

Leader: God is in this place.

People: And in our hearts.

Leader: Open yourself to the nudging God.

People: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Leader: Remember God made flesh.

People: Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Leader: Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,

People: To taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Leader: Time and time again you've offered your grace,

People: Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.

Leader: You have never left us.

People: We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful.

Leader: We give thanks for this time of celebration.

People: For the One this meal remembers. For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: With those who have gone before us,

**People: Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.**

Remembering and Celebrating the Light of the Saints

(A saint is anyone who lives as a follower of Jesus Christ. On this special Sunday, we light candles as we remember the saints in our community who have died, and we also celebrate the new journeys with Christ which have begun this past year. For those households who wish to light a candle for a particular person, you are welcome to come forward. Otherwise, a worship leader will light the candles as the names are read.)

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

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 *A Communion Psalm* by Parker/Harlan as we go forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Remind us today that in order to run this race we must be fed spiritually as well as physically. God, thank you for your sustaining presence in this meal, in our lives, and in one another. 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

Reclaiming Roots After Centuries of Slavery

Numbers 1:1-2 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Sinai desert in the meeting tent on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they left the land of Egypt: Take a census of the entire Israelite community by their clans and their households...

[The reason the book is called Numbers, is that it is largely census lists.]

Reclaiming Roots After Generations in Exile

Nehemiah 7:5...69 [Nehemiah wrote:] My God then prompted me to assemble the officials, the officers, and the people so that they could be registered by families. I found the record of the families who were the first to return, and I found the following written in it: These are the people of the province who returned from the captivity of those exiles whom Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile. They all returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to their own town. They came with Zerubbabel...

[The ancestry roots of 42,360 people are named.]

This number doesn't include their 7,337 male and female servants; they also had 245 male and female singers, 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.

Was Jesus' Ministry For Only Jews?

Matthew 15:22-28 A Canaanite woman came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession."

But [Jesus] didn't respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

The Jesus Movement Gets More Inclusive

Galatians 5:6 Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't matter in Christ Jesus, but **faith working through love** does matter.

To Move Forward, Choose A Path with Deep Soil

Matthew 13:1-6 That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore. He said many things to them in parables: "A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots."

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #381

Faith of the Martyrs

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

“Together We Can Blossom” Pledge Campaign Message

(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

LORD, you have filled us with your Spirit, in this life and the next. You have set before us a path to abundant life for all. May what we return to you today bear fruit for a better life in your holy Way. 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 #451

Be Now My Vision

* **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**

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-Kern

Liturgist:

Catherine Bowser

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Geoff Robinson

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Children's Conversation:

Marilyn Uppman

Hospitality Desk:

Elizabeth Uppman

Head Usher:

Linda Moses

Ushers:

Marylee Battaglia, Rosalie Henry, Linda Moses,
Mary Pelton

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember the members and friends of our church family who died during the past year or were requested to be remembered. We also celebrate the new lives of those who journeys have begun during this period.

BAPTISMS

Timothy James Bushnell, September 18, 2016
 Auden Christine Kandl, June 5, 2016
 Eleanor Frances Knoll, July 31, 2016
 Donna Magee, September 15, 2016
 Adam Parker, April 24, 2016
 Cora Mosely Snodgrass, June 5, 2016

BIRTHS

Theodore Arthur Akright, October 5, 2016
 Timothy James Bushnell, February 13, 2016
 Auden Christine Kandl, December 2, 2015
 Kelvin Marshall Kromnacker, January 14, 2016
 Cora Mosely Snodgrass, March 4, 2016

DEATHS

Shirley Bennett, March 18, 2016
 Doris Beurmann, August 6, 2016
 Charles Duboc, April 19, 2016
 Norman J. Edwards, September 18, 2016
 Jan Griffith, June 13, 2016
 Richard Grossman, March 18, 2016
 Rev. Heidi Hackman, October 14, 2016
 Marjorie Harrington, October 27, 2016
 Kevin Koch, October 2, 2016
 Ann Kroh, March 10, 2016
 Kay Lanan, August 20, 2016
 Joy Makins, February 13, 2016
 Neil Meizer, September, 2016
 Carl Migliazzo, June 29, 2013
 Bill Rayburn, April 8, 2013



The Sunday Crier

November 6, 2016

New Harmony Handful Program and Dessert

Join Colonial Women on Wednesday, November 9, at noon in the Sanctuary to hear New Harmony Handful, a group of barbershop singers, perform. That will be followed by dessert and beverages in the Social Hall. Everyone, including men, is invited! The group is made up of about 20 retired or self-employed men who love to sing. The music is four-part a cappella harmony joining spirituals and jazz.

Holiday Bazaar Is Next Saturday and Sunday!

Be sure to stop by next Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 until 3; or Sunday from 11 until 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. Besides all the great vendors, we have a Silent Auction with gift cards from these fine merchants in the Village Shops across the street: Fleet Feet; Café Provence; C. Frog's restaurant; Euston Hardware; TCBY-The Country's Best Yogurt; gift baskets from the French Market and Riman's Liquors; a beautiful decorated candle from Tiffany Town; two gift cards from Seeking Solace Yoga Studio; a fresh baked pie from Elizabeth Uppman; and Salt Caraway Crescent Rolls. There will be chili for lunch Saturday with goodies and coffee hosted by the Justice and Witness Committee. Sunday you can stop by after both services to pick up wild rice soup to take home to heat and eat. 100% of the Silent Auction and Sunday Soup Sales will be added to funds for household supplies for the Cross-Lines Christmas Store.



Sermon Series

There is incredible potential in every person's life. Jesus had a knack for seeing and developing this potential. He pulled together a motley crew and nurtured them into a movement that changed the world. We're going to look at how this happened...kept on happening...and will continue to happen. We're going to turn to Jesus' lessons and warnings as we blossom together.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by MARYLEE BATTAGLIA in memory of Dora Swain.

HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20

Join your Colonial family for Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, November 20, at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Board of Parish Life will provide the traditional elements of the meal: delicious turkey, dressing, potatoes, rolls and beverages. We need you to bring a special dish that will add variety and spark to the meal. Last names starting with A-G salads, H-M dessert and N-Z hot side dishes. There will be a freewill offering to cover additional expenses.

Share Thanksgiving with Muslim Turkish American Family

Share your Thanksgiving dinner and customs with a Muslim Turkish American Family. Invite them to join you after worship on Sunday, Nov. 20 for Colonial's Thanksgiving dinner and/or invite them to be a part of the celebration at your home on Thursday, Nov. 24. Contact a member of the Justice and Witness Committee to get the name and number of a family from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest. Committee members: Bruce Edwards (678-662-0956), Mariam Fleming (913-648-5848), and Diane Kuhn, Jayne Quimby, Kathi Cook, Carol Scott, Carrie Roberts.

Writers Group

Want to leave a few stories for the grandkids to read? Have a poem in your heart you'd like to share? Just want to write a few things down to blow off steam? The Colonial Writers Group would like to hear it! Get some guidance on writing your own story or whatever you'd like to say on the second Wednesday of the month. November 9 is the next time. Start that writing project you've been putting off. See you in the Heritage Room, 9:30 a.m.

Colonial Friends to Truman Library in November

Colonial Friends will head to Independence, MO on Wednesday, November 16, to tour the Truman Library followed by lunch at a location to be announced. The tour costs \$6.00 payable to Bill Sanderson the morning of (either at Colonial prior to carpooling or at the Library prior to tour). We will meet at Colonial at 9:00 a.m. and leave shortly thereafter. Bill will have directions, but carpooling is encouraged. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. and should conclude about noon. Lunch will be paid for individually. You must email Bill Sanderson or tell him personally by Wednesday, November 9 to reserve a space. After that, a spot may not be available as we have reserved 20-25 spots for the tour.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee and Breakfast**, Monday, November 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday**, Tuesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Program and Dessert**, Wednesday, November 9, noon, Social Hall. New Harmony Handful, a group of barbershop singers, will perform in the sanctuary

followed by dessert and beverages in the Social Hall. Everyone, including men, is invited.

- **Book Group.** Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Stacey Algren's home, 3206 W. 82nd Terr., Leawood, KS 66211. The group will be discussing *The Girls* by Lori Lansens. Everyone is welcome to attend – please join us!
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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, November 6

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:00 a.m.—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

9:15 a.m.—2030 Group, Oberlin Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room.

MONDAY, November 7

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit.

TUESDAY, November 8

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops.

WEDNESDAY, November 9

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

9:30 a.m.—Writers Group, Heritage Room.

12:00 p.m.—Colonial Women Program and Dessert, Sanctuary/Social Hall.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, November 10

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Cambridge Room.

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

FRIDAY, November 11

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Women Book Group, Stacy Algren's home.

SATURDAY, November 12

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Holiday Bazaar, Social Hall.

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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