



(*Narcissus* by Caravaggio used with public domain permission.)

What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature. -Voltaire



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October 16, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Unity in Diversity” Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Relationship Matters***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Picardy

-Schack

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 on bulletin page 7 *Kum ba Yah***

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

A culture of narcissism has modeled hate and incivility. There are those whose god is their stomach - their own wants and desires. This morning we call ourselves to a better Way of living, both individually and culturally. The sickness of these days can be treated. Redemption is possible, LORD. Remind and encourage us this morning. Amen.

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

Be Not Afraid

-Courtney

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

When Times Grow Dark

Matthew 24:10-12 [Jesus predicted a time when] many will fall away. They will betray each other and hate each other. Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because disobedience will expand, the love of many will grow cold.

Narcissism

2 Timothy 3:2-5 People will be selfish and love money. They will be the kind of people who brag and who are proud. They will slander others, and they will be disobedient to their parents. They will be ungrateful, unholy, unloving, contrary, and critical. They will be without self-control and brutal, and they won't love what is good. They will be people who are disloyal, reckless, and conceited. They will love pleasure instead of loving God. They will look like they are religious but deny God's power.

Avoid people like this.

A Call to Christians to Live Differently

Philippians 2:3-5 Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus.

The Milk of Consequences

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #388

Help Us Accept Each Other

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Come Share My Life

-Glen Yarbrough
Baritone Phil Eatherton

(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, may your church continue to provide moral encouragement. Help us to bear light and truth into a hurting world, and bless what we give today for that purpose. 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 #553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

* **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**

Picardy

-Kern

Youtz Discussion of the National Youth Event (NYE) and What Comes Next

Liturgist:

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Mariam Fleming

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Mariam Fleming, Joan and Jerry Gilson,
Marion Taylor

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. 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.

This week's readings:

Sunday, October 16 - Worship

Monday, October 17 - Read Genesis 29-30 Jacob in Laban's Household

Tuesday, October 18 - Read Matthew 10:16-25 Coming Persecutions

Wednesday, October 19 - Read Genesis 31-32 - Jacob's Homecoming

Thursday, October 20 - Bible Study

Friday, October 21 - No Readings

Saturday, October 22 - Matthew 10:26-42 Whom and What to Fear

Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

**Come by here*

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.



The Sunday Crier

October 16, 2016

Sunday Night at the Movie

Please join us for our next movie night at 5:30 on Sunday, October 23. Popcorn and soft drinks are provided; feel free to bring a snack to share. We'll be viewing the film "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace," described by the Minneapolis Star Tribune as "an inspiring tribute to one of the great moral heroes of the 20th century. Undeniably poignant and thought-provoking." Why did the German Church embrace Hitler? What was a good German, a deeply religious and pacifist man to do about it? Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a young German theologian, offered one of the first clear voices of resistance to Adolf Hitler. He openly challenged the church to stand with the Jews in their time of need and eventually joined a plot to kill Hitler.

2017 Altar Flowers

Please sign up to purchase altar flowers for your chosen date in 2017. Your cost is \$50 and you may take the flowers following the 10:15 a.m. service or designate them for the Care Committee to take to homebound or hospitalized members. You can sign up in the narthex today or call Linda Moses at 913-642-1335.

Rummage Sale Is Here!

- **Last Day for Donations - Today, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**
- **Member Sale—Monday, October 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** — The rummage sale will be open to members only for a preview sale. A 10% surcharge will be added at check-out to support Colonial outreach programs.
- **Public Sale—Tuesday, October 18, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, October 19-20, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, October 21, 9:00 a.m.-noon.**
- **Volunteers Still Needed!!** We have several slots with no workers. For this to be a successful sale, we need your help. Please sign up in the narthex.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by LINDA MOSES in loving memory of Tom Moses.

HIGHLIGHTS

Colonial Friends to Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan

Colonial Friends will meet in the church parking lot on Wednesday, October 26, at 8:45 a.m., and leave by 9:00. We have rented a 15-passenger van for the trip; cost is \$17.00 per person. Lunch will be 11:00 at Early Edition in Manhattan. The self-guided walking tour will begin at 1:00 and will last about 1 1/2 hours. Cost of the tour is \$6.00 per person, payable to Bill Yohn. We should be back to the church about 5:00. RSVP to Bill or Sharon Yohn (913-339-9862 or hohum2@comcast.net).

Meet Another One of the Holiday Bazaar Vendors

This year we are shining the spotlight on our vendors so you can get to know them a little better. M. Nature's Creations crafter **Dianne Starcke** is pleased to be back after a sabbatical to recover from shoulder surgery. If you're looking for something special to wrap up for the women on your gift list, stop by Dianne's booth and see her unique wrap bracelets. She crafts them using leather, glass and metal beads and stones. Or select lush, warm knitted scarves your friends can wrap up in to keep cozy this winter. There will be scarves of many colors, fibers and styles to choose from. Please join us for our 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Electronic Recycling Event

While you can't donate electronics to the rummage sale, you have an opportunity to dispose of them responsibly on Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Village Church. The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC and Goodwill to host a Recycling/Reuse Event. Help reduce, reuse, and recycle by dropping off your old, obsolete, unwanted, unneeded, or unused E-waste: computers, components, printers, copiers, cell phones, A/V equipment, and small appliances (NO TVs). Household items (including gently used clothing, shoes, blankets, linens, house wares, books, and toys) will also be accepted. A \$20 tax deductible donation per car to support SSC and its mission to foster earth care in congregations is suggested.

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.
- **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! Rarely has the experience of being a sister been so poignantly and memorably captured as in Lori Lansens' triumphant novel.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

The Justice and Witness Committee will be offering Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month in the narthex following the 10:15 service.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, October 16

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

9:15 a.m.—Board of Stewardship, Cambridge Room.

9:15 a.m.—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room.

9:15 a.m.—New Member Class, Northampton Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

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

11:15 a.m.—Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room.

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.—Rummage Sale Drop-off.

MONDAY, October 17

6:00-8:00 p.m.—Member Rummage Sale.

TUESDAY, October 18

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.—Rummage Sale Open to Public.

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, October 19

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.—Rummage Sale Open to Public.

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

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, October 20

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.—Rummage Sale Open to Public.

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

4:30 p.m.—Molly's Table, Heritage Room.

FRIDAY, October 21

9:00 a.m.-noon—Rummage Sale Open to Public.

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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