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**If we intend to provide a better life, and a better world, for future generations, we can't ignore the quality of the environment we leave them.**

**-John Kasich**



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October 2, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“Coworkers” World Communion 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**

*Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen*

-Gieschen

**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 #332**      *As We Gather at Your Table*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, we are worldly people more than people of spirit. We get resentful when some people seem to unfairly receive more than us. It is easier to be jealous than to rejoice for the opportunity God has graced them with. Speak to us today and help us grow spiritually.**

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

#### **Workplace Gossip**

**Proverbs 26:20-22** Without wood a fire goes out; without gossips, conflict calms down. Like adding charcoal to embers or wood to fire, quarrelsome people kindle strife. The words of gossips are like choice snacks; they go down to the inmost parts.

#### **Fairness Among Coworkers**

**Matthew 20:1-16** For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

### **Teamwork of Coworkers**

**1 Corinthians 3:3-9** You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe - as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service.

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## A Word in Our Holy Meal

People divide Christ's church into various camps – denominations. In 1982, a communion liturgy, known as the “Lima Liturgy” was created for use at ecumenical (meaning relationships between Christian denominations) gatherings. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we use that liturgy as a prayer for the unity of Christ's church under our one head – Jesus Christ. Come share the Lord!

### Communion Prayer

Pastor: In a world of longing,  
in work, in play and rest,  
in creative power and visions

**All: You are here, God, in Christ, our Savior.**

Pastor: In a world of disorder,  
in suffering, sorrow and struggle,  
in marginalization and powerlessness,

**All: You are here, God, in Christ our Redeemer.**

Pastor: In the church, your body,  
in life, death and resurrection,  
in signs of renewal and unity,

**All: You are here, God, in Christ our Intercessor.**

Pastor: In a world of hunger,  
in bread and wine,  
in prayer and unity,

**All: You are here, God, in Christ, the bread of life.**

### Consecration of the Bread and Cup

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”  
(Mark 14:22-24)

### Sharing 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 *Acclamation* by Robert Ray as we go forward.)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: We have received bread and wine, the body and the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**All: We thank you, LORD.**

Pastor: We will share your living Word in reflection and prayer, in faith and hope.

**All: We bless you, LORD.**

Pastor: We will sing your glory with body, mind, and spirit before you.

**All: We praise you, LORD. Amen.**

## We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

### A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Abide with us, O Lord Jesus Christ* -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

**Call us into the vineyard of meaningful work, so that as a spiritual people we share a better way of living with our neighbors. May we help one another to live in a Way that blesses all the people of this world. 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 #427**

***God Made from One Blood***

**\* 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**      *Earth and All Stars*

-Wold

Liturgist:	Brook Carson
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Desk:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Howard Lee
Ushers:	Howard Lee, Linda Moses, Marylee Battaglia, Ancel Neuburger

## 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.

Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

*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 2 - Worship

Monday, October 3 - Read Genesis 29-30 Jacob in Laban's Household

Tuesday, October 4 - Read Matthew 9:1-26 The Call of Matthew, The Question about Fasting, and the Healing of Two Women

Wednesday, October 5 - Read Genesis 31-32 - Jacob's Homecoming

Thursday, October 6 - Bible Study

Friday, October 7 - No Readings

Saturday, October 8 - Matthew 9:27-38 Healings and Harvest



# *The Sunday Crier*

October 2, 2016

## **Sermon Series: Relationships Matter Worship Series**

Our lives are defined by relationships. God may be defined by relationship too. We are going to look at some of those key relationships in our lives and look to God for inspiration and wisdom. Today – Coworkers; October 9 - Companion Animals Animal Blessing Sunday); October 16 - Unity in Diversity.

## **India Missionary Speaker**

On Wednesday, October 5, at noon Colonial Women Mayflower Guild and the Justice and Witness Committee are co-sponsoring a program about the Christian Hospital Mungeli and the Rambo Memorial English Medium School in Mungeli, India. Join us to hear from missionaries Anil and Teri Henry. The mission is co-sponsored by the UCC and Disciples of Christ Global Ministries. A light luncheon and dessert will be served. RSVP to church office or Kathi Cook (913-236-8292). Everyone is welcome.

## **Important Rummage Sale Information**

The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching (Oct. 18-21) so get your donations ready. Pick up a flyer in the narthex for detailed information. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 9, and Thursday, Oct. 13–Sunday, Oct. 16. Start collecting your items and remember hangers—we find that clothing is much more profitable if it is clean, wrinkle-free and on hangers. **Need Help with Rummage Sale Pickup?** If you need help getting your donations to the church, volunteers from Colonial will pick up your stuff on Saturday, October 15. Call or email Bob Starcke to set up an appointment (913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com). In addition to items, we need your help:

**Monetary Donations**—We are accepting donations to help defray the cost of food for volunteers, advertising and truck rental. Any amount is accepted. Mark your check with “rummage sale” in the memo. **Volunteers**—Help is needed to sort, work the sale and provide food for the workers. Sign up to help online at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage16>.

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by DELORAS PEMBERTON in honor of Martha and Bruce Wofford.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Blessing of the Animals Service**

Next Sunday, October 9, we will be blessing our animals. All animals - dogs, cats, guinea pigs, your sweet companions - will receive a St. Francis medal. Animals will be blessed at both services. We also will donate items to Great Plains SPCA in honor of our pets. Suggested items are canned kitten and cat food (pate style), puppy and dog food, KMR kitten formula, Esbilac puppy formulas, hand sanitizer, paper towels and high-efficiency laundry detergent. All animals must be leashed or caged and under control at all times.

### **Thinking About Becoming a Member?**

A New Member class is starting up in October, a perfect opportunity for anyone new to our community who is curious about joining. You'll meet your fellow seekers, learn more about this community, and find ways of serving God with us. Led by Stacy Lybarger with help from guest speakers, the class will meet on Oct. 2, 16, and 30, at 9:15 a.m. in the Oberlin Room. Join us!

### **Offering of Letters**

Over 46 letters were sent from Colonial members to Candidates Yoder and Moran expressing their concern for poverty in Kansas. Members wanted them to know that candidates' issues on poverty would help determine their vote in November. They were speaking out for justice for the one in six Kansans living in poverty (higher than the national average of one in seven). Sample letters will be available in the library for the next two weeks. Of course, handwritten notes are even better. It's never too late to express compassion for the poor.

### **ACE Classes Christianity 101**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30am between our worship services we are going to explore the basics of Christian faith. Pastor Aaron will lead the classes, which are about 1/2 hour long in the Cambridge Room. The topics and dates are: Revelation or Delusion? – October 9; Following Jesus' Way – November 13

### **Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate**

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

### **Holiday Bazaar**

Please join us for our 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Coffee and Breakfast**, Monday, October 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild**, Thursday, October 6, 6:00 p.m., Cacao, 5200 W 95th.

- **Book Group.** Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Graff. All are welcome to join the group. We will be discussing *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **TODAY, October 2**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

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

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

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

### **MONDAY, October 3**

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

### **TUESDAY, October 4**

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins.

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

### **WEDNESDAY, October 5**

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

12:00 p.m.—India Mission Presentation and Lunch, Social Hall.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

### **THURSDAY, October 6**

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

3:30 p.m.—Justice & Witness Committee, Library.

6:00 p.m.—Alden Guild, Cacao.

### **FRIDAY, October 7**

8:30 a.m.—Quiltmakers, 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](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 10:15am 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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