



(Tulip Critical Mass used with permission by Petra Gagilas.)

**Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news.
The good news is that you don't know how great
you can be! How much you can love! What you
can accomplish! And what your potential is!**

-Anne Frank



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October 23, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Dormant Bulbs” 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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* **Opening Hymn #476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song***

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 13:1-4

How long will you forget me, LORD?

Forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart?

Daily?

How long will my enemy keep defeating me?

Look at me! Answer me, LORD my God! Restore sight to my eyes!

Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I won!"

My foes will rejoice over my downfall.

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

He'll Make a Way

-Byron J. Smith

Joe Donley, bass Kathy Huey, mezzo

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

A Dangerous Little Jesus

Infancy Thomas 4:1-5:6 [At 5 years old, Jesus] was going through the village again when a boy ran by and bumped him on the shoulder. Jesus got angry and said to him, "You won't continue your journey." And all of a sudden he fell down and died.

Some people saw what had happened and said, "Where has this boy come from? Everything he says happens instantly!"

The parents of the dead boy came to Joseph and blamed him, saying, "Because you have such a boy, you can't live with us in the village, or else teach him to bless and not curse. He's killing our children!"

So, Joseph summoned his child and admonished him in private, saying, "Why are you doing all this? These people are suffering and so they hate and harass us."

Jesus said, "I know that the words I spoke are not my words. Still, I'll keep quiet for your sake. But those people must take their punishment." There and then his accusers became blind.

Those who saw this became very fearful and at a loss. All they could say was, "Every word he says, whether good or bad, becomes a deed - a miracle even!" When Joseph saw that Jesus had done such a thing, he got angry and grabbed his ear and pulled it very hard. The boy became infuriated with him and replied, "It is one thing for you to seek and not find; it's quite another for you to act this unwisely. Don't you know that I don't really belong to you? Don't make me upset."

Jesus' Journey Continues

Infancy Thomas 19:1-13 and Luke 2:41-52 When [Jesus] was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom.

After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked. His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?"

But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

[Roughly 20 years then pass with no record of Jesus of Nazareth.]

Dormant Times

Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree doesn't bloom, and there's no produce on the vine; though the olive crop withers, and the fields don't provide food; though the sheep is cut off from the pen, and there is no cattle in the stalls; I will rejoice in the LORD. I will rejoice in the God of my deliverance. The LORD God is my strength.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #498

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

“Together We Can Blossom” Moment

-Elizabeth Uppman-Marquez

(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 - From Our Open and Affirming Statement

We welcome people of all ages and races, regardless of gender, religious tradition, sexual orientation, economic status, or physical, emotional, and mental capacity. Seeking to recognize and affirm relationships created and lived in love, equality, and concern for the well-being of all, we embrace traditional and non-traditional families as well as single persons. All people, regardless of where they are on their personal faith journey, are invited to share in the full life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, responsibilities, and blessings of our congregation. May God bless us in our outreach. 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

- * **Bulb Sharing Hymn #433** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

- * **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** *Lancashire* -Helman

Liturgist:	Marion Taylor
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Jan Parkinson
Hospitality Desk:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Stacy Huggins
Ushers:	Sally Huggins, Stacy Huggins Jane and Jim Whiles

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 23 - Worship

Monday, October 24 - Read Genesis 30:25-31:55 Jacob and Laban

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

Wednesday, October 26 - Read Genesis 32:1-33:17 - Brotherly Reunion

Thursday, October 27 - Bible Study

Friday, October 28 - No Readings

Saturday, October 29 - Matthew 10:26-42 Whom and What to Fear



The Sunday Crier

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Sunday Night at the Movie Tonight!

Please join us tonight for our Sunday Movie Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Popcorn and soft drinks are provided; feel free to bring a snack to share. We'll view "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.

Sermon Series: Together We Can Blossom

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.

Dormant Bulbs - October 23

Pecked to Death by Birds - October 30

No Root - November 6 (All Saints' Sunday)

Worries and Wealth - November 13

Blossom Time! - November 20 (Thanksgiving Dinner)

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.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by CHUCHO MARQUEZ AND ELIZABETH UPPMAN in memory of Gabriel Marquez and in honor of Julia and Lucia Marquez.

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 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. RSVP to Bill or Sharon Yohn (913-339-9862, 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. **Jake Marshall** is a retired Hallmark graphic designer. His booth at the bazaar will have his original watercolors (flowers, fruit, baseballs) and new nature watercolor notecards and calendars. His booth will be manned by Jake's neighbor, Beth Richardson, who designs and makes tote bags with hand-tooled wooden buttons. Please join us for our 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 13, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Alden Guild**, Thursday, November 3, 6:00 p.m., Rye KC Restaurant (10551 Mission Road). RSVP to Glenna at jloomis1@kc.rr.com
- **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 followed by dessert and beverages. 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!

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY, October 23**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:00 a.m.—Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room.

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.

5:30 p.m.—Sunday Night at the Movies, Heritage Room.

TUESDAY, October 25

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, October 26

8:45 a.m.—Colonial Friends to Manhattan.

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

6:00 p.m.—Board of Worship, Oberlin Room.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, October 27

9:00 a.m.—Care Committee, Heritage Room.

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

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

SUNDAY, October 30

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.—New Member Class, Oberlin Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

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

TUESDAY, November 1

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

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

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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