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**The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.**

**-Lee Iacocca**



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October 23, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
 “Pecked to Death by Ducks” 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**

*Toccata in D-minor*

-J.S. Bach

**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 6** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together*

**There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the [person] and is only waiting for a chance to speak and thus get rid of the other person. This is no fulfillment of our obligation, and it is certain that here too our attitude only reflects our relationship to God. It is little wonder that we are no longer capable of the greatest service of listening that God has committed to us, that of hearing another person’s confession.**

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**

*Gloria*

-William Miller

**A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

**Seeds of Potential Get Gobbled Up**

**Matthew 13:1-4** 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."

**Something Bigger Than You**

**Matthew 8:21-22** [A man, who had come to join Jesus' movement,] said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

## **An Attempt to Peck Jesus to Death**

**Matthew 12:1-6** Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry so they were picking heads of wheat and eating them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are breaking the Sabbath law."

But he said to them, "Haven't you read what David did when he and those with him were hungry? He went into God's house and broke the law by eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. Or haven't you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple treat the Sabbath as any other day and are still innocent? But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here."

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

## **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #581

*Lead Us from Death to Life*

## **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

"Together We Can Blossom" Skit

(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, your church continues its work to extend the hope for a better world. We do this in all our ministries, and we ask your guidance and blessing for our work. May what we give today honor you. 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**

### **New Member Reception**

#### Community Words of Welcome

**We welcome you to the common life of this church family. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and work of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and together be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

\* Hymn #539

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

\* **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**

*Fugue in D-minor*

-J.S. Bach

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Janet Weiblen

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***Together We Can Blossom Cast:***

Heather Brasel

Jill Buckstead

Darren Carpenter

Jim Cosgrove

Marilyn Uppman

***New Members:***

Ashley Chavez

Randy and Sue Freeman

Matt and Jessica Keane and Billy,  
Johnny, and Joey

Nick and Kelli Kromnacker and Kelvin

Laura Olsen

John Smith

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema, 1973

Ken Medema, arranged by Jack Schrader

$\text{♩} = 108$

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 108. The first system begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Lord, list-en to your child-ren pray - ing,". The second system continues with: "Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord,". The third system continues with: "list - en to your child - ren pray - ing. Send us". The fourth system concludes with: "love, send us pow'r, send us grace." and includes first and second endings. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Lord, list-en to your child-ren pray - ing,

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord,

list - en to your child - ren pray - ing. Send us

love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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## 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 30 - Worship

Monday, October 31 - Read Genesis 31:43-32:21 Jacob Heads Home

Tuesday, November 1 - Read Matthew 10:16-25 Coming Persecutions

Wednesday, November 2 - Matthew 10:26-42 Whom and What to Fear

Thursday, November 3 - Bible Study

Friday, November 4 - No Readings

Saturday, November 5 - Read Genesis 32:22-32 - Wrestling



# *The Sunday Crier*

October 30, 2016



## **Your 2017 Pledge Will Help Us Blossom**

This simple tulip bulb doesn't look like much, but it has the potential to become a beautiful flower. Before it can blossom, however, it needs to be nurtured: fertile soil, warming sunlight and spring rain. Like the bulb, each of us carries the potential to make a difference in our community, in the world and in our own lives. At Colonial we strive to nurture that potential and make it blossom. We all have a part in that mission by sharing our time, our talents and our money.

Over the next few weeks, we will all decide what we want our individual financial commitment to our church in 2017 to be. On November 20 – Pledge Sunday – we will have the opportunity to turn in our pledges together before we enjoy our annual Thanksgiving dinner. As you consider your pledge commitment for the coming year, the message is simple: Together we can blossom!

## **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. Pecked to Death by Birds - Today; No Root - November 6 (All Saints' Sunday); Worries and Wealth - November 13; Blossom Time! - November 20 (Thanksgiving Dinner)

*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by ART AND MARIANNE FOSTER in celebration of their anniversary.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### All Saints Sunday

We will remember the members and friends of our church family who died during the year next Sunday, November 6. We will also celebrate the new lives of those who have come into our community of faith through this period. If there is a loved one you would like to have remembered in our worship service, please call or email the church office: paulinea@colonialucc.org.

### New Harmony Handful Program and Dessert

Join Colonial Women on Wednesday, November 9, at noon in the Social Hall to hear New Harmony Handful, a group of barbershop singers, perform followed by dessert and beverages. 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, one of only three strictly American styles, joining spirituals and jazz.

### The Holiday Bazaar Is on the Way!

Colonial's Lee Rowe will be selling her hand-crocheted rugs at the bazaar again this year. The rugs, made from recycled plastic bags, are colorful and very sturdy. All the proceeds go straight to Outreach! You get a fine rug, help save the environment, and do good for others, all at the same time. Lee will also have hand knit dishcloths. Doug Welch's mother will be at a booth selling hand-dipped chocolates. All the proceeds from this booth go to Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Christmas store. And Rebecca Francis will have her beautiful jewelry. Once a year, Rebecca and her fellow jewelry makers do a program for Molly's Table, helping the women make their own jewelry. Stop by her booth to say "thank you" and check out her lovely handmade creations. Wrap up some of your holiday shopping at our 6th annual Holiday Bazaar in the Social Hall on Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 13, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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

- **Alden Guild**, Thursday, November 3, 6:00 p.m., Rye (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. 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, October 30

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.

9:15 a.m. -- Bd. of Parish Life, Social Hall

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..

### WEDNESDAY, November 2

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

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

### THURSDAY, November 3

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

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

6:00 p.m.—Alden Guild, Rye (10551 Mission Road).

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

### SUNDAY, 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. —New Member Class, Oberlin Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Coffee & Conversation, 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](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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