



(St. Francis Altar Carving used with permission by Fr Lawrence Lew, O.P..)

**If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.**

**-Francis of Assisi**



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

[www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)  
913-362-7735

October 9, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
 “Companion Animals” 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**

*Laudate Dominum*

-Cherwien

**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 #17 vs 1-3 *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing***

**Blessing of the Animals**

Prayer of Blessing

**Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, your creatures. We pray especially for all that are suffering in any way: for the overworked and underfed, the lost, or hungry; for all in captivity or ill-treated, and for those that must be put to death. For those who deal with them, we ask a gentle heart of compassion, gentle hands, and kindly words. Make us all true friends to animals and worthy followers of our merciful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Animal Blessing

(You are welcome to bring your companion animal forward for this blessing: Live without fear. Your Creator loves you and make you holy. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen. We will then together bless the animals who are not here with us using the same blessing.)

**\* Sung Response — Hymn #17 vs 4**     *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing  
To you, O God, day after day, your planet Earth in every way,  
sings your praises, alleluia, As savory fruit and fragrant flower  
show forth your glory and your power, singing praises,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**\* 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**

*Sometimes Alleluia*

-Chuck Glrard

**A Word Proclaimed**

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

### **It's All Good**

**Genesis 1:20-25** God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the Earth up in the dome of the sky." God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind.

#### **God saw how good it was.**

Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the Earth."

There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

God said, "Let the Earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground.

#### **God saw how good it was.**

### **Take Charge...Responsibly**

**Genesis 1:26-29** Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on Earth."

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the Earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the Earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food."

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

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

\* Hymn #31

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory  
Tartini

*Concertino, 1<sup>st</sup> movement*

-Giuseppe

Clarinet, Mary Burnett

\* Sung Response — Hymn #17 vs 5     *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*  
***Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part  
 sing your praises, alleluia! To you with lift our pain and care  
 receive the burdens that we bear, singing praises,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

\* Blessing the Offering

**Lord, may your church accept its charge to care for this planet and all  
 the life on it. 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 #556**      *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*
- \* **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**      *Holy Manna*      -Cherwien

Liturgist:	Linda Moses
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Miles Roberts
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Hospitality Desk:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Bill Yohn
Ushers:	Bill Yohn, Howard Lee, Ed Rowe, Mary Pelton

## 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 9 - Worship

Monday, October 10 - Read Genesis 29-30 Jacob in Laban's Household

Tuesday, October 11 - Read Matthew 9:18-38 Healing Stories

Wednesday, October 12 - Read Genesis 31-32 - Jacob's Homecoming

Thursday, October 13 - Bible Study

Friday, October 14 - No Readings

Saturday, October 15 - Matthew 10:1-15 Mission of the Twelve

# Annual Rummage Sale

## October 18-21



### Drop-off Donations

Oct. 13-16

Pick up flyer for times

### Volunteers Needed

Set-up, Sales, Food for Workers.

Sign up in the narthex or at

<http://tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage16>.

### Financial Support

for Advertising, Truck Rental, Supplies

Mark donations "rummage sale" and  
place in offering plate.



## *The Sunday Crier*

October 9, 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 – Companion Animals; October 16 - Unity in Diversity.

### **Neighbors in Need Offering**

Offering envelopes are in the pews for Neighbors in Need, a UCC special offering used in the United States for justice and witness work, and for the Council for American Indian Ministries. The work is important and the help is real. Join us in this important ministry! Make your check payable to Colonial Church with "NIN" in the memo.

### **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 today, and Thursday, Oct. 13–Sunday, Oct. 16. 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). **Jewelry Donations** - Get those rare jewels and costume jewelry sorted; it can be broken jewelry or whatever. Anything that takes time to sort and any unpolished silver. Carla Mattson and the sale committee would be like you to bring items to church and put them in the Library on the bottom shelf; also looking for vintage handkerchiefs and any other little collectibles you may have. **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 LIN VAUGHN  
AND FAMILY In Loving Memory of John Vaughn.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 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? – today; Following Jesus' Way – November 13

### Meet 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. **Lisarae Turnbull** lives and breathes photography always looking for the next inspirational photo. Specializing in color and detail she photographs all kinds of subjects. She is a commercial product photographer but developed her own line of greeting cards to fill that creative spot close to her heart. Her cards feature flowers, pets, butterflies, shells, holiday images and more. She also offers photographic prints for framing. She, along with Kim Mann, is one of the people who got the Bazaar off the ground six years ago. 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.

### Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

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

### 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.

### Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Coffee and Breakfast,** Monday, November 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

### Did You Know ...

that our name tags are filed alphabetically??? They are filed alphabetically by LAST name not by first name. The Community and Member Development Board and the Board of Worship would greatly appreciate it if you would wear your name tags on Sunday to help our visitors know who they are talking to along with those of us who have difficulty remembering names. Some of us also have trouble with our ABC's so please place your name tag in the baskets at the doors so that they may be put back in their proper order when the service is over.

## **Colonial Friends**

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).

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **TODAY, October 9**

8:30 a.m.—Worship - Blessing of the Animals.

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

9:30 a.m.—Christianity 101, Cambridge Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship - Blessing of the Animals.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

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

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

### **TUESDAY, October 11**

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

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

### **WEDNESDAY, October 12**

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

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

### **THURSDAY, October 13**

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

12:00-6:00 p.m.-Rummage Sale Drop-off.

### **FRIDAY, October 14**

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.-Rummage Sale Drop-off.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Women Book Group, Stephanie Graff's home.

### **SATURDAY, October 15**

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.-Rummage Sale Drop-off.

## 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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