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The work of community, love, reconciliation, restoration is the work we cannot leave up to politicians. This is the work we are all called to do.

-Shane Claiborne



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September 18, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Gather Us In” Sunday Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Dove of Peace

- 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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Sacrament of Baptism of Timothy James Bushell

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Pastor: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

People: Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

Pastor: When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

People: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Pastor: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

Baptismal Hymn #325 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

* **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

God is our Refuge

-Allen Pote

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

The Mark of a Truly Christian Community

John 13:34-35 "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Mission Must be Rooted in Love

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 But [if] I don't have love, I'm nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

What Makes a Church Community Special

Romans 12:10 Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Recognizing Unsung Heroes - Gatherers

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Now Thank we all our God* - 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

**We've come together in the Spirit of Love today.
We've come in the hope God is knocking with new opportunities to live
and love. By what we give today, we respond! 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 on bulletin page 5

Gather Us In

* **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**

Nicaea

- Post

Liturgist:

Diane Kuhn

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Martha Wofford

Hospitality Desk:

Elizabeth Uppman

Head Usher:

Linda Moses

Ushers:

Cindy Lafferty, LeAnn McCartney,
Jerry and Joan Gilson

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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, September 18 - Worship

Monday, September 19 - Read Genesis 27 Abraham's Descendants: The Next Generation

Tuesday, September 20 - Read Matthew 9:1-26 The Call of Matthew, The Question about Fasting, and the Healing of Two Women

Wednesday, September 21 - Read Genesis 28 - Jacob's Dream

Thursday, September 22 - Bible Study

Friday, September 23 - No Readings

Saturday, September 24 - Matthew 9:27-38 Healings and Harvest



The Sunday Crier

September 18, 2016

Gathering Sunday Today

Join us in the Social Hall for food, fun and to see all of the opportunities at Colonial Church. Food, games, bounce house, prizes. Reservations not required.

Sunday Movie Night – My First Mister

My First Mister, the story of an alienated teen (Leelee Sobieski) who forms an unlikely friendship with a lonely clothing store manager (Albert Brooks), will be shown in the Heritage Room on Sunday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. The film is strangely appropriate at this time of political, ethnic, economic, educational, ideological and racial division in our country. It is a story of surprising reconciliation and unification. Sobieski is brash, abrasive and vulnerable as a teenage child of divorce who hides her pain behind a mask of hard-edged gothic rebellion. Brooks plays a man who is her total opposite, a precise and well-ordered menswear store owner of 49 who manages limited expectations and protects lonely secrets with pleasant ritual and quiet reserve. Soft drinks and popcorn will be provided and you're encouraged to bring a snack to share.

Important Rummage Sale Information

The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching (Oct. 18-21) so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are 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. In addition to items, we need your help - in person and with your dollars. **Monetary Donations**—We are also 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 HELEN MINTER in loving memory of Dick Minter, Dan Minter and Nathan Snall.

HIGHLIGHTS

Christianity 101 Continues Today

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:

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? - Today

Revelation or Delusion? - October 9

Following Jesus' Way - November 13

Come to Measure and Cut!

Thursday, September 29, Mayflower Guild will meet in the Social Hall to measure and cut hat and scarf sets for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. We will be measuring, cutting, and chatting from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Come when you can, leave when you must. Bring a pair of scissors. A yardstick or T square would be helpful, but not necessary. Bring a sack lunch or go across the street for a salad at Hen House. There will be cookies and coffee for all. Please email or call Marilyn Uppman (gmuppmann@aol.com, 913-722-1070) to make a reservation, or sign up today.

Colonial Friends to Ride the Streetcar

Colonial Friends will be taking the streetcar to lunch on Wednesday, September 21. Meet at Colonial at 10:45 a.m. and leave at 11:00 for Union Station. If you are driving directly there, be at the Union Station information booth by 11:30 a.m. The group will take the streetcar to the Power & Light District for lunch at The Bristol. RSVP to Bill Sanderson at bills043@gmail.com.

Colonial Dinner Club Groups Forming For Fall

Colonial Dinner Club is a great way to get to know people in the church. Small groups of 7-8 meet in individual homes throughout the year for dinner. The groups meet once every two months for a total of 4 times during the year Oct.-Nov., Dec.-Jan, Feb.- March, April-May. The host provides the main dish, and the others bring side dishes. The main purpose is to have fun and get to know each other better. Please contact Kathi Cook for more information: jimandkathicook@gmail.com or 913-236-8292.

Hunger and Poverty Letter Writing Today

Please join Justice and Witness Committee members who are writing to their congressmen about hunger and poverty. Stop by the table today where there is information about conditions in Kansas and names and addresses of legislators and their recent voting records. According to Bread for the World statistics, Kansas is the 14th hungriest state in the country. One in six households struggles to put food on the table, compared to one in seven nationwide. More than 382,712 live in poverty. Over 100,000 are employed but still live in poverty. ”

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 an important mission in India. Join us to hear from Anil and Teri Henry, missionaries, about the Christian Hospital Mungeli and the Rambo Memorial English Medium School in Mungeli, India. The mission is co-sponsored by the UCC and Disciples of Christ Global Ministries. A light luncheon and dessert will be served. We need to know how many will attend so please call the church office or Kathi Cook (913-236-8292) to reserve your spot. Everyone is welcome.

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.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday**. Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, September 18

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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

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

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

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Gathering Sunday Picnic, Social Hall.

TUESDAY, September 20

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, September 21

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

10:45 a.m.—Colonial Friends, Streetcar and lunch.

7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, September 22

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

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Cambridge 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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