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913-362-7735

September 4, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
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

Sabbath

-Blackhall & Doane, 1871

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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People: God is good!

* **Hymn #43**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

-Rev. Bruce Edwards

Created Supremely Good in Love

Genesis 1:27-31 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. To all wildlife, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground - to everything that breathes - I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

Love Cleanses People

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the Earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call

us to reconciliation with you and with all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory. We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

People: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

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 Communion music is *Dona Nobis Pacem*, which is a 16th century chant.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Waltz for Nina* -Guy George, 2005
 (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 present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church. 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 #327

Jesus Loves Me

* **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** *A Traditional Irish Jig* -arr. Charles Witman, 2008

Guest Minister:

Rev. Bruce Edwards

Liturgist:

Tim Owens

Videographer:

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Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Rev. Bruce Edwards

Greeter:

Mary Pelton

Head Usher:

Linda Moses

Ushers:

Rosalie Henry, Ancel Neuburger, Cindy

Lafferty,

Linda Moses

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 4 - Worship

Monday, September 5 - No Labor Day Readings

Tuesday, September 6 - Read Matthew 8 Stories of Jesus Healing

Wednesday, September 7 - Read Genesis 25 Abraham Remarries and Dies;
Ishmael's Descendents

Thursday, September 8 - Read Genesis 26-27 Abraham's Descendents: The
Next Generation

Friday, September 9 - No Readings

Saturday, September 10 - Read Matthew 9:1-26 - The Call of Matthew, The
Question about Fasting, and the Healing of Two
Women



The Sunday Crier

September 4, 2016

Save the Date for Gathering Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at Colonial. Come and join the fun and see all of the opportunities at Colonial Church. Food, games, bounce house, prizes. A goodwill offering will be accepted to offset the cost of the bounce house and food or you can donate online by going to the church website (<http://www.colonialucc.org/>) and selecting Give Online from the menu. On the giving form, under "Give to..." select Parish Life - Gathering Sunday. This is not a reservation for the dinner.

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. Reservation is for 12:15 p.m. After lunch, you will have the choice to board the southbound streetcar to Union Station or board the northbound (which is what Bill hopes most will do) for the rest of the loop through the River Market and back to Union Station about 20 minutes later. RSVP to Bill Sanderson at bills043@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Colonial Dinner Club Groups Now 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. Meals can be as casual as burgers on the grill or as elaborate as you wish. The main purpose is to have fun and get to know each other better. The rotation schedule means that you only host once per year. Please contact Kathi Cook for more information: jimandkathicook@gmail.com or 913-236-8292. Singles are encouraged to join...or if you prefer, we can find another person to co-host with you!

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by LEANN MCCARTNEY in memory of CC McCartney.

HIGHLIGHTS

Colonial Women Luncheon and Program

Please join Colonial Women for a luncheon and program on Wednesday, September 14, at noon in the Social Hall. The program will be presented by Poppy Zurcher on her Journey to Greece. Sign up in the narthex.

6th Annual Holiday Bazaar Is Coming

Can you believe Colonial's 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar is coming soon? Nov. 12 and 13 in the Social Hall. We need volunteers for: planning, advertising, placing of signs and table set-up. This event opens our doors to the community by offering gift ideas, warm soup and a sweet treat! Plus 10% of all sales go to the Board of Outreach. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time. Please contact Pauline in the office, Kim Mann (kim@mannmadedesign.com) or Lisarae Turnbull (lisaraephoto@me.com).

New Directory

The 2016-17 Colonial Church directory will be prepared from the information in InFellowship, our database. Please register and update your information at <http://tinyurl.com/database-colonial>. Under privacy settings, you will need to give permission to be included in the directory. If you need assistance, call the church office.

Writers Group

Writers Group will meet on Sept. 14 at 9:30 in the Heritage Room. Please join us!

Fall Clean Up

The Board of Property Management is going to schedule their fall cleanup in early November. Since Benjamin Lawn is doing the leaves and trimming the roses as a gift to the church, the board is looking for ideas from everyone for small, cleanup type tasks we can do for our cleanup day. We will advertise the date later and hopefully have a group sign up to do various things, but generally we are looking for ideas for small projects in one or more of three general areas: 1. Touch up painting, such as benches, trim around windows, etc... 2. Gardening. This would include some trimming, but also mulching some areas, and so forth 3. Repair. This would include small repair projects around the church. If anyone has noticed something in these areas that might be added to the list, please email Bill Sanderson at bills043@gmail.com to let him know, or stop by the board's table at Gathering Sunday. Thanks!

Colonial Women Activities

- **New Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, September 7, On the Border at 95th and Quivira. Orders from the menu, have individual tabs and our own private room. Men welcome, too. RSVP to Linda Moses (913-642-1335 or 913-522-7308) by tomorrow (September 5).
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 13, 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.
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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY, September 4

- 8:30 a.m.—Worship.
 9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.
 9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.
 10:15 a.m.—Worship.
 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

MONDAY, September 5

Office Closed – Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 6

- 8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins.
 9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.
 1:00 p.m.—Rummage Sale Meeting, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, September 7

- 9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.
 7:00 p.m.—Colonial Choir, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, September 8

- 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Cambridge Room.
 3:30 p.m.—Justice and Witness Committee, Library.

SUNDAY, September 11

- 8:30 a.m.—Worship.
 9:00 a.m.—Board of Stewardship, Cambridge 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.—Lemonade on the Lawn.
 11:30 a.m.—Council/Administrative Board, 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.

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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