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**In baptism, new Christians become part of a body of fellow believers who are called to spiritually encourage one another.**

**-Tony Campolo**



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April 1, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“Watch This!” Easter 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**      *Finale from the Resurrection Symphony*      Mahler

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to bring to the clergy and/or congregation. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.*

**Easter Acclamation**

Leader:      Christ is risen!

**People:      Christ is risen indeed!**

**\* Opening Hymn #233**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Communion Prayer

Leader:      The Lord be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

Leader:      Lift up your hearts.

**People:      We lift them up to God.**

Leader:      Let us give thanks to God.

**People:      It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death. Love is come again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever sing:

Sung Response #793

*Sanctus*

***Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.***

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.*

Communion Anthem

*Concerto*

G. P. Telemann

Trumpets: Wayne Bates, Rod May, Brian Leuenberg

Keyboard: Joseph Kern

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**People: We thank you, Holy God, for this feast of life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* Sharing God's Welcome**

*Please take a moment to 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 in worship or to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt. As the children leave, the congregation sings together:*

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 3 times.)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

## We Hear a Word from God

### A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

#### **The Way Jesus Died: John 19:28-30**

Knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

#### **God's Answer: "Watch This!" John 20:1-8**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



## We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

### Sacrament of the Baptism of Iris Amelia Johnston

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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."**

Leader: 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

*Lord of the Dance*

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be - gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



*Refrain*  
 Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll



lead you all, wher-ever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

*Our weekly offering includes food items collected in the red wagon to help fill our local food pantries.*

Offertory

*Canon of Praise for Easter Morning*

Petker

Doxology

#778; tune Old Hundredth

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

\* Blessing the Offering

**People: We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us  
such joy, grace, and hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Let our lives be proof of that good news. Amen.**

## A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

*Believing that each joy and 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 the name for God that you find most meaningful which may include Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc. The diversity of 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 #240

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\* **Renewing Our Covenant**

*You are invited to turn towards the center aisle and bless one another with the promise of the Colonial 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.**

\* **Choral Benediction**

*Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel

\* **Postlude**

*Carillon*

Vierne

### **Worship Leaders**

Liturgist:

Bekki Walsh

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Hayden Ferguson

Children's Conversation:

Darren Carpenter

Hospitality Table:

Marilyn Uppman

Head Usher:

Linda Moses

Ushers:

Loren Griffith, Linda Moses

Bill Sanderson, Bill Yohn

Parents of Baptized Child:

Ryan and Ashley Johnston



**We Give Thanks For These Contributions**

**The Algren Family**

In memory of Rich Nitsch

**Mary Baumgart**

In loving memory of Norm

**Catherine Bowser**

In memory of John V. Bowser

**Charles and Nadine Colbert**

In memory of Bob and Mary Colbert  
and Alice and Willie Voegeli

**Jack Davis**

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry  
Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis  
and Barbara Davis

**Loren Griffith**

In memory of Jan Griffith

**Honey Hannah**

In memory of Carl Migliazzo

**The Hixon Family**

In memory of George Hixon

**Karen and Brad Hodges**

In memory of Glen Froelich and  
Ann Hodges

**Howard and Sally Huggins**

In memory of Gordon and Shirley  
Huggins and Marty Puckett

**Pauline Jorgensen**

In memory of Kenneth Jorgensen

**Francine Knoll & Dan Diefenderfer**

In memory of Jarrett Allan and  
Andrew Knoll and in honor of our  
grandchildren

**Cindy and George Lafferty**

In memory of Ray and Mary Morgan

**Donna Magee**

In memory of Lee Magee

**Anne Mann**

In memory of Russell G. Mann

**Jessica Marsh**

In memory of John Marsh Jr.

**Julie and Carsten Mortensen**

In memory of our parents, Sid and  
Ida Hunt and Tage and Else  
Mortensen

**Linda Moses**

In memory of the 17 students and  
teachers who lost their lives in  
Parkland, Florida

**Lynn Sample**

In memory of John Marsh

**Susie Stroud**

In memory of my dear husband, Tom  
and our daughter, Teresa

**Vonda Van Pelt**

In memory of Micky Henry

**Lin Vaughn and Family**

In loving memory of John Vaughn  
and our parents

**Jane Whiles**

In memory of Jim Whiles

**Ruth Wollenberg and the James  
Jackson Family**

In memory of Glen Wollenberg

*mission*  
**M O M E N T S**  
 U N I T E D C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

**Easter Sunday**

**Now What?**

**Mark 16:1-8**

Terror and amazement are the words in Mark's Gospel that conclude this version of the story of the women at the empty tomb. That's not surprising if one remembers the terrible and catastrophic event that surrounds the formation of this Gospel. The Gospel of Mark was written down during and just after the violent destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 CE by the Roman army. A destruction so devastating that the Temple was never rebuilt. Eyewitness accounts talk about blood running in the streets. It was traumatic. Most likely the community around which Mark's Gospel was produced experienced some of what we now call PTSD.

The sacking of Jerusalem changed Judaism forever. Without the Temple, it had to re-form itself and reimagine the center of their communal life. Community trauma and destruction can have systemic and long reaching effects. We have seen trauma up close and personal around the world: from shootings, to hurricanes, to floods and earthquakes and terrible wildfires. In Sonoma County California, the windblown firestorm of 2017 traveled as fast as a football a second and was an equal opportunity destroyer – decimating homes large and small, wealthy neighborhoods and working class neighborhoods...8500 structures obliterated and more than 4000 people displaced.

Our churches and our denomination rise to the occasion when disaster strikes. In Cypress, Texas a small Christ United UCC sanctuary was inundated with water twice within 12 months but each time they rose from the flood waters through the support of members, neighbors and their abiding faith. In Sonoma County, California, as the wildfires abated, many of the members of UCC churches returned home and began the long process of

rebuilding their community. In the town of Sonoma, one hard hit community were the immigrant farmworkers. The UCC church there is ready for the long haul of healing and framing hope for these people, many of whom are undocumented. Resurrection is sometimes the thing we do the rise from the ashes and the flood waters and all the disasters that may come.

Like the women discovering the empty tomb – the question arises, what next? For Sonoma and Texas and Puerto Rico and Northern California the next involves so much hard work...only a belief in the power of the resurrection and the will of people to live it will guide these many communities into the future. The signs that appeared everywhere during the fires of 2017 were these: “The love in the air is thicker than the smoke.”



# *The Sunday Crier*

April 1, 2018

**Easter Breakfast at Colonial.** The Board of Parish Life is serving breakfast in the Social Hall until 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

**Tearing Down Walls: Finding a Path to Religious Understanding.** Relationships between religious people around the world is one of the most significant issues of the 21st century as ignorance leads to intolerance and even violence. “Tearing Down Walls” is an event aimed at learning skills in interreligious dialogue with the hope of promoting peace through interreligious understanding and cooperation. Nationally-recognized scholars will lead sessions on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Colonial. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-walls>. An Armin and Shirley Limper Program in Christianity and World Religions through Eden Seminary.

**Care to Join Us? New Member Class Starts April 22.** Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, April 22, 29, and May 6, in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 6 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

**VBS Is July 10-13.** Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>. If you have any questions please contact Camille Breckenridge or call 913-707-9602.

**Live Like a Child.** Men and women are invited to Jim Cosgrove's presentation “Live Like a Child” at the Men's Breakfast this Tuesday morning, April 3 at Perkins Restaurant in Lenexa. Through his 20-year journey as award-winning kid-rocker ‘Mr. Stinky Feet,’ Jim has discovered that children have much to teach adults about communicating, being present, and living joy-filled lives. The breakfast/meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. Perkins restaurant is at 11200 W 87th St, on the north side of 87th Street, between the exit to 69 North and the exit to I-35 North and across the street from a UMB bank branch.

**Tuesday Book Group.** Looking for some good conversation, a rich range of opinions and a few chuckles along the way? The Tuesday Book Group meets every week at 9:30 at Colonial Church. We read a wide variety of books, and the discussions are always lively and fun. We are currently discussing Paul Knitter's *Without Buddha I Could Not Be A Christian* in preparation for the author's visit to Colonial in April. We welcome new members; the coffee is always fresh and the conversation engaging!

**Youth Fundraisers.** Colonial youth are attending the UCC Regional Youth Event in June and need to raise money to go. They are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14 and a car wash on Saturday, May 12. Save the dates!

**Transgender Youth in Crisis Pilot Project.** Colonial has received a \$1,500 UCC Be the Church grant to fund a Transgender Youth in Crisis Pilot Project. The money will be used for temporary shelter, meals and basic needs for transgender teens who are no longer safe where they are living. The Transgender Youth in Crisis Pilot Project will funnel them into an appropriate local program for longer-term help. We will be reaching out to the local high schools and LGBTQ organizations to get the word out. If it is something that speaks to your heart, talk with Aaron or Cheri Van Orman.

**Serve the Homeless.** The next meal will be served on the Plaza on April 22. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial2018>. Please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Meals are cooked at Colonial at 2:00 p.m. and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, April 5, 6:00 p.m., Charleston's at Ward Parkway Center
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

**Dialogue Institute Friendship Dinner.** Dialogue Institute of the Southwest is sponsoring their 13th Annual Dialogue & Friendship Dinner on Wednesday, April 11 at UMKC. The theme is "Searching for Oneness: Mystical Thought In and Beyond the Abrahamic Traditions." Colonial has reserved a table for eight - go to <https://tinyurl.com/dialogue-colonial> to purchase 1 or more of the seats.

**Colonial Family Getaway.** Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. Come for the day or stay overnight in an air-conditioned cabin, on a plug-in RV site, or in your own tent. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming.

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, April 1 – Easter**

8:30-10:45 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 Worship

11:00 Worship

### **MONDAY, April 2**

10:00 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

### **TUESDAY, April 3**

8:00 am—Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, April 4**

9:30 am—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops

7:00 pm—Colonial Choir

### **THURSDAY, April 5**

12:00 pm—Bible Study

3:00 pm—Justice & Witness Committee, Library

6:00—Alden Guild, Charleston’s

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

### **FRIDAY, April 6**

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

### **SUNDAY, April 8**

No 8:30 am Worship Service

9:00 am—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

9:15—Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:30—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:15—Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://colonialucc.org).*

## **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.

**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. Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday in the youth room (the Savoy Room) with Sunday school 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 Founders Chapel, 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 and bulletin on our website. Our 10:15 a.m. 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 and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: colonial\_ucc

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