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To love our neighbor as ourselves is such a truth for regulating human society, that by that alone one might determine all the cases in social morality.

-John Locke



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August 6, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
***Love of Neighbor* Worship Service**
in the series *Three Great Loves*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Te ofrecemos

-Honoré

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 #547 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession – *Realistic Justification*

“Jesus did not mean for us to love, merely to be more just.”

“This is the way it always has been and will be.”

“It’s either them or us.”

“The evil that has been done to us requires swift, strong retribution without pity.”

“Bomb them into the stone age.”

“They forced us to do it. Violence is all they understand. They asked for it.”

“It’s in my genes.”

“Such has it ever been, such it will always be, world without end....”

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

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

The Heart of Being Christian

Luke 10:27 "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Love the Stranger as Yourself

Leviticus 19:34 Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

Being Church = Strangers No More

Matthew 25:35 I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Ephesians 2:19 You are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household.

Free to Love

1 John 5:2-4 This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God's commandments.

This is the love of God: we keep God's commandments. God's commandments are not difficult, because everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

A Word in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer

Leader: God, you are with us.

People: You are always with us.

Leader: May we open our hearts.

People: May we know your presence...

Leader: ...in thanksgiving...

People: ...and in deepest honor and reverence.

Leader: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church throughout the ages, we bring ourselves: all that we are, and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

Sung Response — *Sanctus* #793

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

Pastor: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie.

People: We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence and meaning for all of life.

Pastor: Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death and resurrection reveal the true nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, took a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

Sharing of 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.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our lives be sustained and inspired by your love. May your love touch others through us. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *One Love/People Get Ready* -Bob Marley & The Wailers
(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

For your church which pushes us outwards to love all our neighbors, please bless what we now give. LORD, continue to challenge us to grow and act in love. 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 #498** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love*
- * **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** *New Britain* -Kern

Liturgist:	Bruce Edwards
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Darren Carpenter
Hospitality Table:	Elizabeth Uppman
Head Usher:	Stacy Huggins
Ushers:	Rosalie Henry
	Sally Huggins
	Stacy Huggins
	Cindy Lafferty



The Sunday Crier

August 6, 2017

Kansas City Protest for Trans Rights. The Colonial Justice & Witness Committee is supporting the City of Fountains Sisters today at 7:00 p.m. at the JC Nichols Memorial Fountain as they stand to add local visibility for the rights of our Trans community. Everyone is invited to come and stand to say No to discrimination and lend our voices to those calling for justice and an end to bigotry and hate. At dusk, there will be a candle lighting to honor those active and inactive military members, and those who have lost their lives to bigotry and ignorance. Trans rights are human rights.

Your Chance to Voice Your Opinion. Construction has begun on the Chapel/Choir Room and we need your input. **Audio/Visual** - We have discussed the possibility of adding an audio/visual system so the room could be better equipped for meetings, small worship services, weddings, baptisms and many other possibilities. Stark Raving Solutions, the same company that installed the system in the sanctuary, gave us a bid of just under \$10,000. The Council and Administrative Board are asking the congregation to weigh in on the decision to proceed with this AV System and its funding. Please answer two questions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R99HT63>

Celebration of Pauline on Her Retirement. Pauline Anthan, our church administrator the past 20 years, is retiring so on Sunday, August 20, we will celebrate her service, in worship and with a potluck lunch in the Social Hall. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. A freewill offering will be accepted. We will also honor Pauline with a gift. If you would like to contribute, mark your check "Pauline" in the memo line or on an offering envelope. You can contribute online on our website, colonialucc.org. Click on "Give Online" at the top and sign in or click "Give Now" at the top. Select "Pauline's Retirement" from the dropdown menu.

"Stump the Pastor" Sunday, August 27. Got a tough question that you've always wanted to ask? On the last Sunday in August, we're going to have a "Stump the Pastor" Sunday. Send in your question at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92LYNVQ>

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the MARY BAUMGART in loving memory of her husband, Norm.

What Sermon Ideas Do You Have? Help Pastor Aaron plan the topics for our worship service this coming year by participating in our summer survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRYYSJ2>

“Welcome Amy” Pizza Lunch Party. Sunday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m. The Youtz selected Amy Congdon as their new Youth Group Leader. All Youtz, Tweens, and their families are invited to a “Welcome Amy” pizza lunch party after our worship service on Sunday, August 13th in the Youtz Room downstairs. It’s a chance to meet and welcome Amy and her family and talk about the events the kids are planning for the upcoming year.

Stephen Minister Training Begins in September. Stephen Ministers are people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Colonial Church has a team of Stephen Ministers, and if you’d like to receive training to become one too, please contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org) to get signed up for the training that begins weekly in September through December.

Living the Questions 2.0. People know that, at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a “thinking” Christian and that “salvaging” Christianity is a hopeless task. Living the Questions is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they’ve always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. The Living the Questions sessions meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room on the second Sunday of the month.

Serve the Homeless. It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents and the next meal will be served on the Plaza on August 27. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial> or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so 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 and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee.** Monday, August 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren’s home. We will be discussing “Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness” by Susannah Cahalan.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase in the narthex

following the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be August 13.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, August 6

8:30 am—Worship

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

9:15—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

7:00 pm—Trans Rights Demonstration, JC Nichols Fountain

MONDAY, August 7

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, August 8

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, August 9

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

THURSDAY, August 10

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, August 13

8:30 am—Worship

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

9:30—ACE Living the Questions, Cambridge Room

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:30—Welcome Amy Pizza Party, Youth 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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