



Eric Kunze (Lt. Joseph Cable) and Briahna Yee (Liat) in South Pacific
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Whiteness must become history, a construct that folks in the future study as a construct of the past.

-Paul Alexander



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January 13, 2019
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“The Idol of Whiteness” Worship Service in the series *Racism: Our Original Sin*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Walther

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.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Hymn 573**

“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

A Time of Confession

Presbyterian Peacemaking, adapted

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God’s presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God’s children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the Beloved Community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

People: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. For God promises to sustain us in this work.

People: Sustained by God's presence and love, we confess and pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Beloved, in Jesus Christ we are made whole for this work of justice and peace. You are known. You are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Sung Response

Gloria, hymn 756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

* **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 Sunday School program. As the children gather and disperse, 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 in Music

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Ken Dedema

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

Defining Our Terms

Prejudice: Actions or words of hate and bigotry

Racism = Prejudice + Power

A Christian Vision for the World – 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14, 20, 25-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ...

For, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body...

As it is, there are many members, yet one body... that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Whiteness as an Idol – Exodus 20:4

Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the Earth.

To Get Well, First Admit You’re Sick – John 5:2-6

In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn 314

“Community of Christ”

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

In Thee Is Joy

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Doxology

Hymn 782; tune Old Hundredth

*To God, all glorious heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.*

* Blessing the Offering

People: God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your work in this world. 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

A Litany of Generations of African American Experience

Gail Forsyth-Vail, Unitarian Universalist Association, adapted

* 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.

* Congregational Song of Blessing

Hymn 809

*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

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Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Jules Burik
Camera Operator:	Ryan Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Rosalie Henry
Head Usher:	Allan Flentie
Ushers:	Marylee Battaglia, Bill Yohn
Fellowship Host:	Jim and Kathi Cook

The Sin of Historically Systemic Racism and the Idolatry of Whiteness

Racism is deeply embedded in almost every facet and major institution of our society; while much has changed since the beginning of the civil rights movement, much still has not. The pervasive character of racism especially shows itself in implicit or unconscious bias that almost everyone has, reflected in people's behavior. The very concepts of "race" and of "white people" are social constructs that were created to justify the empowerment of some people and the disempowerment of others.

Visit <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/selectatest.html> and click on the button labeled "Race IAT" to take the racial Implicit Association Test. This test will attempt to measure a person's level of implicit (that is, unconscious) bias in regard to race.

Scripture Passages

- Exodus 1:8–22 • Luke 4:14–21
- Romans 3:9–26

Further Discussion Questions

1. How did taking the Implicit Association Test make you feel? Were you surprised by your results? Do your results help you make sense of any past or present situations or interactions in your life?
2. Given that people who identify as white benefit from a system even if they've fought their whole lives against racism, what can white people who genuinely oppose racism and white privilege do to help dismantle these systems of oppression? What, if any, are some ways in which people of color can help them?



The Sunday Crier

January 13, 2019

Racism, Our Original Sin – January Sermon Series. America's problem with race has deep roots. All of us carry a sense of implicit or unconscious bias that affects our behavior. Christians acknowledge that our communities remain divided largely by race. Guided by Christ's vision, we are going to imagine a new vision. The Idol of Whiteness - today; A Segregated Church or a Beloved Community - January 20; Bridge to a New American Vision - January 27

Colonial Friends to Kemper Museum. Colonial Friends will meet in the church parking lot on Wednesday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. We will organize carpools and depart by 9:40. The museum is located at 4420 Warwick Boulevard, KCMO. If you are going directly, please let Bill Yohn know. The guided tour will begin at 10:15 and will last approximately one hour. Lunch will be at Cafe Sebastienne in the Museum. Only cost is your lunch. Please RSVP to Bill (hohum2@comcast.net; 913-339-9862).

What State Senator Barbara Bollier Foresees in the 2019 Kansas Legislature. The Justice & Witness Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Sen Bollier next Sunday, January 20, 9:15 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Bring your questions and tell Sen. Bollier what you would like to see happen. Invite a friend.

2019 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The act of taking a journey – a pilgrimage – can result in profoundly new perspectives and spiritual growth. The Holy Land is often referred to as the 5th Gospel for the power of this place to spiritually enlighten a person. Later in 2019, Pastor Aaron is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and is inviting anyone in our church community to join him. The cost will be about \$3,000. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please let him know by January 31 at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/480a22>

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's flowers are given by Brook Carson and family in honor of Brook's mother.

Immigrant Accompaniment Assistance Training. You have an opportunity to receive training on helping immigrants with tasks in our legal system on Saturday, January 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church (4501 Walnut, KCMO). Training is provided by AIRR (Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation, Inc.) and is free but you must register at <https://tinyurl.com/training-accompaniment>. Accompaniment is a way community members can stand in solidarity with immigrants who are met with many barriers as they navigate an unknown and hostile legal system during immigration hearings, check-ins with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and other instances. Accompaniment reduces the likelihood of detention and allows for a witness during important legal interactions. The brief, 2-hour training prepares volunteers for their roles and various scenarios. Language skills aren't required.

Monthly Centering Prayer. Starting this month, we're meeting on the third Sunday of the month. See you on January 20, 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Salem Room. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group** – Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. at Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss "Dear America" by Jose Antonio Vargas.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., Summit Grill.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Colonial's Inclement Weather Policy. The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m, all are usually on our way home.

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. The food pantry uses these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions.

Year-end Giving Statements. Year-end giving statements for 2018 will be mailed out by the second week in January 2019. If you have any questions about these statements, please contact Jayne Quimby, Financial Recorder, at jqm333@aol.com or 816-807-3592.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, January 13

8:30 am Worship
 9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room
 9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
 10:15 Worship
 10:15 Colonial Tween Squad, Salem Room
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
 11:30 Confirmation, Youth Room
 11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room

TUESDAY, January 15

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, January 16

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
 9:30 Colonial Friends, Kemper Museum
 7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room
 8:00 Confirmation

THURSDAY, January 17

10:00 am Bible Study
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, January 18

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

For the full church calendar, visit our website at 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, call our church office at 913-362-7735.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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.

Tween Squad—The Colonial Tween Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Salem Room. All students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades are welcome.

Youth Group—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. The group meets each week at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning in the youth room (Savoy) for Teens Connect followed by worship at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service 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 <https://tinyurl.com/onlineworship-colonial> 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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