



*Holy Family Refugee Flight into Egypt used with public domain permission.*

**We live in the age of the refugee, the age of the exile.**

**-Ariel Dorfman**



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

[www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)  
913-362-7735

July 15, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ**  
**“Refugee Crisis” Sunday Worship Service in the series *Then and Now***

*Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Lied*

Vierne

**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**

**\* Opening Hymn #148**

“What Child Is This?”

**Mission Moment**

Christmas in July

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Silent Confession

## Assurance of Grace

**Leader:** Because God already loves you so fiercely in your beautiful imperfection, you are forgiven. Now our response going forward is to forgive. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians: “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”

**People:** We joyfully receive God’s forgiveness and love.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* 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

*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 Proclaimed**

Pastor Aaron Roberts

### **Relationship of Church to Government - Romans 13:1-3**

Every person should place themselves under the authority of the government. There isn't any authority unless it comes from God, and the authorities that are there have been put in place by God. So anyone who opposes the authority is standing against what God has established. People who take this kind of stand will get punished.

### **The Confessional Identity of the Nation of Israel - Deuteronomy 25:5-9**

You should solemnly state before the LORD your God:

“My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the LORD, our ancestors' God. The LORD heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. God brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey.

### **Naomi's Refugee Story - Ruth 1:1-2**

During the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. A man with his wife and two sons went from Bethlehem of Judah to dwell in the territory of Moab. The name of that man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there.

### **Fear of Indigenous “Savages” - Deuteronomy 7:1-4**

Now once the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to take possession of, and he drives out numerous nations before you—the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: seven nations that are larger and stronger than you—once the LORD your God lays them before you, you must strike them down, placing them under the ban. Don’t make any covenants with them, and don’t be merciful to them. Don’t intermarry with them. Don’t give your daughter to one of their sons to marry, and don’t take one of their daughters to marry your son, because they will turn your child away from following me so that they end up serving other gods.

### **Fear of Indigenous “Savages” - The Declaration of Independence**

[The King] has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

### **Sacred Bonds Dissolved - Ezra 9:2-3**

“We’ve been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women from the neighboring peoples. But even now, there is hope for Israel in spite of this. Let’s now make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God.

### **Jesus’ Way - There is No Fear in Love - 1 John 4:16-19**

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them...There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



## We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

\* Hymn #306                      “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

### 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

“Every Grain of Sand”

Written by Bob Dylan, performed by Ana Catelbón

Recommended by Ancel Neuburger

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: Generous God, we are grateful for all that we have. We are thankful for opportunities to share, to grow, and to be part of a love bigger than ourselves. Bless these gifts given today that they might bring peace to those in need. 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 #77                      "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

### \* 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 #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

*Greensleeves*

Albrecht

**Worship Leaders**

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Children's Conversation:

Martha Wofford

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Bob LeVeau

Ushers:

Cindy Lafferty, Bob LeVeau

Bob Starcke, Martha Wofford



# *The Sunday Crier*

July 15, 2018

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**Christmas in July!** We are expecting some special guests during our worship service on this warm summer day. You will recognize them by their colorful clothing and their regal bearing. They have made a long journey to bring some special gifts, so greet them with a smile and perhaps a cup of cool water. For many years, congregation members have donated time and money to bring joy to families in our area in need through the Cross-Lines Christmas Store. Please write a check to Colonial with Christmas Store in the memo line.

**Colonial Tuesday Book Group.** This Tuesday, the Tuesday Book Group will have the opportunity to visit with Peter Bayless to discuss and ask questions about issues pertinent to Transgender, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, their friends and families. After that, on July 24, we will begin discussion of the Reverend Erin Wathan's latest book, Faith and the Fight for Equality, another timely topic. Erin, a well-known local writer, is the pastor of St. Andrew's Christian Church in Olathe. Her book's wit and insight into the human predicament are a welcome take on the world and its dilemmas. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for what should be a couple of fascinating opportunities to listen, learn, talk and grow in understanding about current important issues in our community. We can promise that you will enjoy the conversation and the chance to meet new friends and renew long-standing friendships. And sometimes there are cookies!

**Serving 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 July 22. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-signup>.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Camille Breckenridge in loving memory of Caroline VanFossen.

**Colonial Family Getaway.** Whether for one day or for the entire gathering, join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas. It's all happening Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. You can come down for the activities on Saturday and return home or join us on Sunday morning. Whatever best fits your schedule. You can camp in a tent or bring your RV. The park is just over an hour from Colonial. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming. Questions? Contact Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.

**Board of Worship Help Needed.** As we gear up for our fall worship schedule, the Board of Worship is looking for volunteers to add to the rotations for the following committees: head ushers and ushers, liturgists, children's conversation, pew patrol, and communion set-up. If you want more information about what is involved, or you're ready to volunteer, please email Charlotte Drayer at [charlotte.drayer@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.drayer@gmail.com). Becoming involved with your church helps you connect with the many terrific members of this congregation!

**Sermon and Worship Planning Poll.** Plans are underway to craft our sermon and worship themes for the 2018-2019 program year. Is there a particular topic you would like to explore or experience? Let us know by taking the survey at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/3d9263>.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Book Group.** Friday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. at Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss *Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "Yes" to Living* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

**Summer Music Survey.** Do you have a favorite song that informs your faith? Do you have a musical piece that you'd like to share vocally or instrumentally? Is there a music video that challenges your ideas of what it means to be church? Over the summer months, you are invited to recommend or provide music to share with the congregation during the offering. At the link below, you can list a song, a video, or sign-up to sing or play an instrument. We need your gifts of music to broaden our experience and witness of faith! Contact Nikki Woolsey for additional information. Visit survey at: <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/481747>

**Colonial Friends Bus Trip to Jamesport on September 5.** Spend the day with the Amish and experience the old ways of life in the Amish Colony. See candle making, shopping in the Amish stores, an Amish style family dinner at the Gingerich Dutch Pantry Restaurant and a visit to the Countryside Bakery. Some of the shops accept cash only.

This bus trip is provided by the Lenexa Senior Center and will leave from there. Cost is \$71, which includes lunch. The trip will be from approx 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To register for the trip call the center at 913-477-7100. The cut off for registration is when the bus is full or Aug 1. If you have any questions call the center or Bill Yohn 913-339-9862.

**Feed the Hungry Donations.** Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations are delivered to four local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai members add their contributions. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference.

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### **The Week Ahead**

#### **TODAY, July 15**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Lemonade and Fellowship, Heritage Room

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

#### **TUESDAY, July 17**

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

#### **THURSDAY, July 19**

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

#### **FRIDAY, July 20**

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

#### **SUNDAY, July 22**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Lemonade and Fellowship, Heritage Room

2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

*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 <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](http://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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

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