



**Fanatics do not have  
faith - they have  
belief. With faith you  
let go. You trust.  
Whereas with belief  
you cling.**

**-Yann Martel**

*Mississippi Meander*, a quilt by Timna Tarr (2017) which traces the historic routes of the Mississippi River as mapped by the Army Corp of Engineers. Used with permission.



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

www.colonialucc.org  
913-362-7735

June 10, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“River” Sunday Worship Service in the series *Care of Creation***

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

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Méditation*

Durufle

**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 #597**      “Shall We Gather at the River”

**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In holy presence we gather:

**People: We move into the waters of God: deep silent pools, loud rushing rapids, strong steady rivers – as those whose life flows from God.**

Leader: We lift our voice with the voice of rivers:

**People: Acknowledging our faults and failings, seeking outlets for sharing our gifts, borne up by the current of Spirit toward hope.**

Leader: We listen with the waters

**People: For covenanted words and signs, that we may trust and work toward God’s promises with courage freed from fear.**

## Silent Meditation

### Assurance of Grace

Leader: Rivers are made for flowing free – and so are our lives. May God’s forgiveness and transformation and vocation flow through us and flow from us, bringing life to us and all. 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

### Eternal Words for Troubled Days - Psalm 46

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the Earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**  
 the holy habitation of the Most High.  
 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
 God will help it when the morning dawns.  
 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
 God speaks, the earth melts.  
 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
 see what desolations God has brought on the Earth.  
 God makes wars cease to the end of the Earth;  
 breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
 burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God!**

I am exalted among the nations,  
 I am exalted on the Earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

### **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #476

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Healing River”

Christopher Grundy

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:** God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our concern for those in need, including all our fellow creatures on Earth. 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 #478

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

**\* 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**

*In dir ist Freude*

J.S. Bach

**Worship Leaders**

Guest Organist:	Claudette Schiratti
Liturgist:	Ancel Neuburger
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Sally Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Martha Wofford
Head Usher:	Bruce Wofford
Ushers:	Loren Griffith, Howard Lee Mary Pelton, Bruce Wofford
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Cindy Lafferty



# STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

*The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

— Ephesians 4: 11 - 12

**Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.**

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

### **In 2017, your support made possible:**

- ◆ 12 awards totaling almost \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program!
- ◆ The Adese Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future church leaders!
- ◆ The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

This is in addition to the great ministry happening in your local conference!



## ADESE FELLOWSHIP

This 12-month program maximizes the capacity of fellows to launch business that will help end system poverty. Participants engage in theological reflection and business development as they create enterprises that help their communities follow the way of Jesus and live into God's economy.



MCLEOD

**MEAGAN MCLEOD** is an Adese Fellow residing in Philadelphia, PA. Through this program, she hopes to provide a place where single mothers can feel significant, secure, and supported through her organization, Healing Streams Center.

## NEW AND RENEWING SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES

The New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant strengthens UCC Congregations by providing funds to assist in community revitalization or support new churches. Grants are awarded each year to fund ministries that impact their communities towards a Just World for All.



VOELKEL

*Your support of our ministry emboldens, empowers and allows us to step out in faith. We are grateful beyond words — both for the money and for the faith and prayers the money represents, without which we would not be able to do our work. Thanks be to G-d!*

— Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel, Center for Sustainable Justice at Lyndale UCC



# *The Sunday Crier*

June 10, 2018

**Annual Congregational Meeting Today.** The Annual Meeting for Colonial will be today after the 10:15 service. The annual report will be passed out to the congregation at this time and a slate of new board chairs and administrative board members will be presented.

- Moderator: Ancel Neuburger
- Administrative Board: Heather Brasel and Harry Morrison
- Chair, Board of Parish Life: Mary Penrose
- Co-chairs, Board of Property Management: Bill Sanderson and Linda Moses
- Chair, Board of Stewardship: Stacy Kern

**Register Now for VBS!** 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>.

**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.



*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Jim and Glenna Loomis in memory of Ruth and Bob Loomis.

**Writers Group.** Join us for Colonial Writers Group on June 13, 9:30 a.m. at the church. Everyone has a story to tell, and there are many good reasons to tell yours. Storytelling creates connections, your family will thank you, you'll feel better, and you will have a great time, just to name a few! Veterans and newcomers are welcome to participate.

**Colonial Friends Bus Trip to Jamesport.** 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.

### **Colonial Women Activities**

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home.
- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.

**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 June 24. 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.

**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. Food suggestions: Canned and Jar Food: vegetables, soup, stews, fruit, peanut butter, beans, tuna, chili, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans, preferably low-sodium items; Boxed and Bagged Food: Cereals (preferably whole grain and low sugar content), crackers, macaroni and cheese, flour, pasta, pancake mix, rice (brown, white or basmati), sugar, breakfast items, snack bars, gluten-free items, dry beans, nuts. 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, June 10**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:15 Coffee &amp; Conversation, Heritage Room

11:15 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex

**TUESDAY, June 12**

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 13**

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

9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

**THURSDAY, June 14**

12:00 pm Bible Study

5:30 More2 Banquet, Union Station

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

**SUNDAY, June 17**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Coffee &amp; Conversation, Heritage Room

*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)

## **COLONIAL STAFF**

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