



"#061 - Break" used with permission by J-T-M.

I don't like the idea that in music, clothes, taste or anything, we are limited to a certain style, because we need to maintain an identity. Hopefully, all those walls break down.

-Sam Hunt



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June 23, 2019
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Babeling” Worship Service in the series The Walls that Divide**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Converse

Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to offer in our community’s prayer ministry this coming week. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Hymn on bulletin page 6** “The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound”

*** A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: We have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days enslaved by our fears more than freed by grace. God’s Holy Spirit seems unreal because we insist on thinking we’re in charge. God, have mercy on us and save us from ourselves.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: God promises an outpouring of Spirit. We will yet see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before. When we are ready to be taught, God gives new insights and a deep sense of peace.

People: Praise God!

* Sung Response

Gloria, hymn #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


One People, Under No God – Genesis 11:1-9

All people on the Earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the Earth."

Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the LORD said, "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language." Then the LORD dispersed them from there over all of the Earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the LORD mixed up the language of all the Earth; and from there the LORD dispersed them over all the Earth.

Tearing Down the Wall – Ephesians 2:14-16

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #495

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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

You Need to Calm Down

Taylor Swift

Doxology

Hymn #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, we return these gifts to you asking that you give us the ability to connect to others in ways that channel love and peace. 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 creates 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 on bulletin page 7** “O Day of Peace”

* **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**

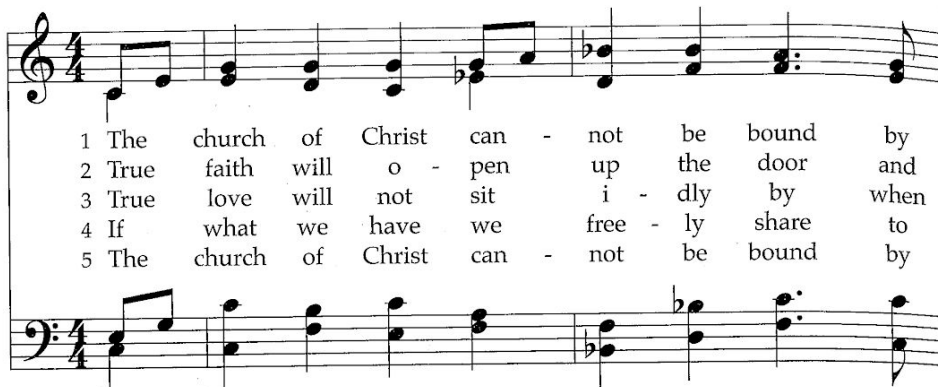
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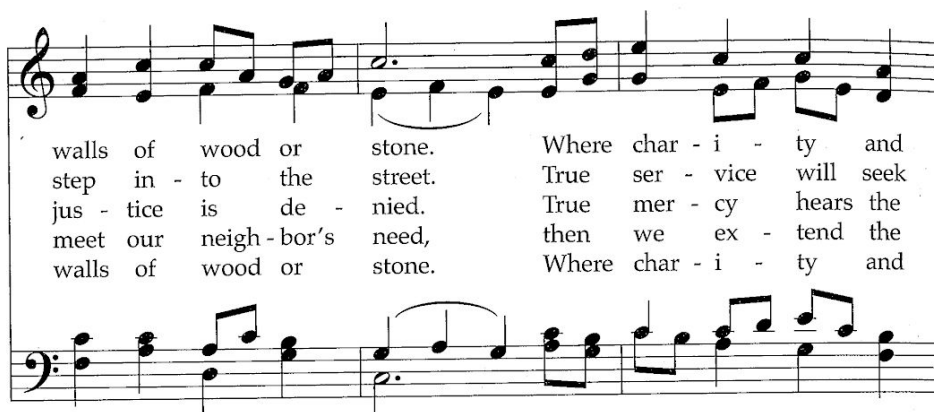
Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Ken Werne
Camera Operator:	Ryan Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children’s Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Hospitality Table:	Martha Wofford
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Randy Freeman, Sue Freeman
Fellowship Host:	Cindy Lafferty

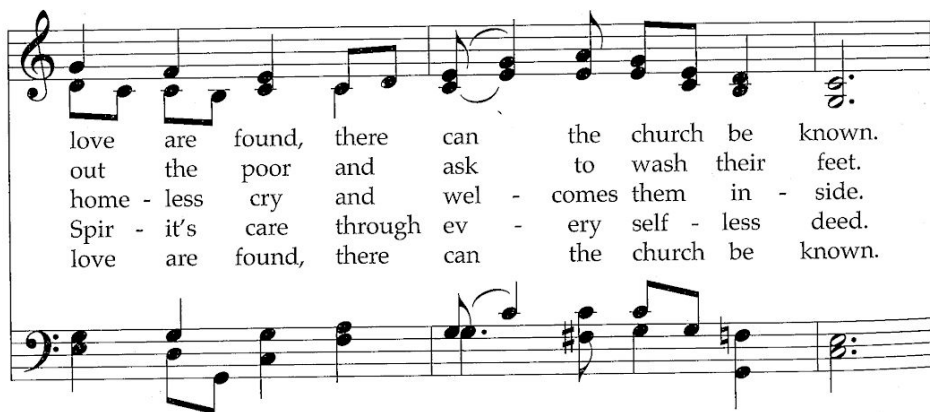
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



The Sunday Crier

June 23, 2019

Colonial Family Getaway – Save the Date! Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas on Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, for our second annual getaway. Come for the day or stay overnight in an air-conditioned cabin, on a plug-in RV site, or in your own tent.

VBS Registration. This year our theme is “Going Beyond with God.” We will focus on the stories of faithful Daniel, bold Queen Esther, the thankful 10 lepers, and the hopeful friends of Jesus as they travel to Emmaus. Camp will be July 9-12, 9:00-11:30 a.m., for 4 year olds through those have just completed 4th grade. On Sunday, July 14 we will have a performance at the 10:15 service. Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/vbs-colonial19>

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-ahh2019>. Meal preparation starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza at 4:00 p.m.

Fair Trade Coffee. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade ground coffee for purchase the last Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity is June 30.

Colonial Pub Nights. Come to Colonial Church Pub Nights at the Kansas City Bier Company (310 W 79th St, Kansas City, MO 64114) this summer on Tuesdays, July 16 and August 20, at 6:00 p.m. People have been gathering in pubs for ages to talk about life. Things can get pretty deep, pretty quick. Please let the church office know if you're planning to go so that we can reserve a large enough table.

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Linda Moses and family in memory of Harold and Dolcie Offer.

Summer Music Requests. Help plan our offertory music during worship this summer. If you sing or play an instrument we encourage you to share your talents. Or suggest a hymn or song for Joseph to play on piano or organ. We will consider recorded music suggestions, too. Our one request is the music be spiritually inspired. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Colonial-summer>

Thursday Morning Bible Study. Karl Barth's commentary on Paul's epistle to the Romans was written exactly a century ago, in the upheaval following the First World War. It changed Christian theology around the world. Our Thursday morning Bible study is using his commentary. To join the discussion, you can come to Colonial Church or connect online at <https://zoom.us/j/8796465039>.

Colonial Women Activities. All women of Colonial Church are invited to gather with others in casual fellowship opportunities, whether you prefer breakfast, happy hour or discussing a book. Check out the options below. No reservations required. A wonderful opportunity to meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

- **Coffee.** Monday, July 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Swim Party.** Saturday, July 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m., Kathi Cook's home.
- **Book Group.** Friday, July 26, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert.

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.

Prescription Bottles. The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City extends its appreciation for the medicine bottles Colonial has collected and donated. They also ask that we keep them coming. Art and Marianne Foster appreciate your interest and support of this charity. Please leave your empty bottles in the box by the office.

Kansas Legal Services Help Center at Colonial. Colonial Church is now hosting a help center for Johnson County District Court Kansas Legal Service on the first and third Fridays of the month. Colonial's own Tim Owens will be the volunteer attorney emeritus staffing the annex and will be available free to provide legal guidance and direction to members of Colonial and the general public by appointment. On the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays he will be at the Johnson County Courthouse. Appointments may be made by calling the Kansas Legal Services at (913)621-0200 and requesting an appointment at Colonial. Members can also contact Heather in the church office to set up a Friday appointment.

Monthly Centering Prayer. We meet the third Sunday of the month, 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.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, June 23

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:15 Colonial Tween Squad, Salem Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room

2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

TUESDAY, June 25

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, June 26

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

THURSDAY, June 27

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, June 30

8:30 am Worship

9:15 Wedding Committee, Oberlin Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

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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