



Pentecost and Baptism used with permission by First UMC Santa Rosa, California.

Christian faith is...basically about love and being loved and reconciliation. These things are so important, they're foundational and they can transform individuals, families.

-Philip Yancey



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June 9, 2019
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Protective Walls” Pentecost Sunday Worship Service
in the series *The Walls Between Us*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Ach Gott und Herr

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

Sacrament of the Baptism of Bennett Abernathy

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

Leader: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

People: **Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.**

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

People: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Leader: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

* **Baptismal Hymn #325** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

* **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

"The Grabber" is Born – Genesis 25:21-26

Rebekah became pregnant. But the boys pushed against each other inside of her, and she said, "If this is what it's like, why did it happen to me?" So she went to ask the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb;
two different peoples will emerge from your body.
One people will be stronger than the other;
the older will serve the younger."

When she reached the end of her pregnancy, she discovered that she had twins. The first came out red all over, clothed with hair, and she named him Esau. Immediately afterward, his brother came out grabbing Esau's heel, and she named him Jacob.

The Plot to Steal Isaac's Blessing – Genesis 27:1-5

When Isaac had grown old and his eyesight was failing, he summoned his older son Esau and said to him, "My son?"

And Esau said, "I'm here."


He said, "I'm old and don't know when I will die. So now, take your hunting gear, your bow and quiver of arrows, go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Make me the delicious food that I love and bring it to me so I can eat. Then I can bless you before I die."

Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau...

Jesus' Teaching about Dealing with Conflict – Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together.

If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* **Hymn #498** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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

Meditation for Clarinet and Organ

Charles Callahan
Mary Burnett, Clarinet

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

We ask for God’s blessing on this offering to reach out to be a blessing to all people. May our church community continue to boldly proclaim God’s all inclusive love and service. By the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the church, we pray. 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 #391** *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

* **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**

Aus meines Herzens Gründe

J.C.Bach

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Linda Moses
Camera Operator:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Bill Sanderson
Head Usher:	Stacy Kern
Ushers:	Loren Griffith, Rebecca Lu
Fellowship Hosts:	Kathi and Jim Cook



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

... God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams. ...

— Acts 2: 17 (NRSV)

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 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 2018, your support:

- ◆ Increased church vitality by awarding 12 grants totaling \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities program.
- ◆ Ensured excellence in ministry through the completion of the Habakkuk group and the Manual on Ministry.
- ◆ Worked to alleviate poverty through the Adese Fellowship program for spiritual entrepreneurship.
- ◆ Strengthened your local church through the services provided by the UCC conference.

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 Sunday Crier

June 9, 2019

Annual Congregational Meeting Today. The annual report will be distributed and a slate of new board chairs and administrative board members will be presented:

Assistant Moderator: Tim Owens

Administrative Board: Kate Nicolai and Ken Werne

Board of Property Management: Jim Cook

Board of Christian Education: Jeni Cosgrove

Board of Worship: Marylee Battaglia

Nominations for elected positions may also be made by any two members of the congregation in advance to the office. Also at this meeting the congregation will be asked to vote on the Solar Panel Task Force's recommendation that has been endorsed by the Church Council to install an array of 32 solar panels on the south side of the Colonial chapel roof at a cost of \$35,000. Copies of the report are available in the narthex.

Baptized today at the 10:15 a.m. service is Bennett Ryan Abernathy, son of Ryan and Mackenzie Abernathy. Sponsors are David Braatz and Joshua Lortie.

Affordable Housing in Johnson County? Does it exist? If so, where is it? What is affordable? What assistance is available? Karen Wulfsuhle will address those questions next Sunday, June 16 at 9:15 in the Heritage Room between worship services. After 23 years as Executive Director of United Community Services of Johnson County, Karen retired in 2016 and recently co-chaired a study on housing affordability in Johnson County for League of Women Voters.

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>

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Jayne Quimby and Jan Parkinson in celebration of Jan Parkinson's birthday and their wedding anniversary.

Eyeglasses and Books for Malawi. Next Sunday is the last day to bring donations of eyeglasses/ frames, as well as kids easy reader hardcover books for Malawi. Please place your donations in the basket by the office.

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.

Colonial Prayer Chain. Colonial Church has an email prayer chain that receives requests from families or friends for our prayers for them concerning a situation in their lives. We like good news and the not-so-good news so that we can share joys and sorrows. As long as the person has given permission for their name and concern/joy to be put “out there,” we are happy to send the message along. Permission is very important. To be added to the prayer chain, contact Sharon Yohn at hohum2@comcast.net. If you don’t have email but would like to be on our short calling list for spreading the message, let Sharon know at 913-339-9862. In both cases, you will receive the information and in your private way, you will put the situation in your prayers. This gives us all a connection to one another and to a greater support system as well! We are grateful to Sharon for her work at keeping us all connected.

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 the 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>

Solar Panels for Chapel Roof. In keeping with our church’s mission to protect the earth and care for future generations, we will install a photovoltaic system composed of 32 solar panels on the south side of the Colonial Chapel roof. It is estimated the system will reduce the church’s electrical usage by about 20%, recovering the cost through lower electric bills in about 14 years. To date we have raised \$14,610 of the \$35,000 cost. Please give by writing a check to the church with “Solar Panels” in the memo section or online at colonialucc.org and select “Give Online”. You may also text to give at 913-325-4400.

MORE² Transformation Banquet. MORE² is celebrating with their 14th annual Transformation Banquet on Thursday, June 13, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Lex on the lower level of Municipal Auditorium. The evening is a Celebration of Commitment and features Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, Past MORE² Board Co-Chair, NAACP-KC Chapter President and Senior Pastor of Swope Parkway United Christian Church. Colonial Church has reserved a table for 10 and tickets are \$75. Purchase tickets at

<https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/MORE2Banquet33> or contact Heather at the church office to reserve your seats.

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.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Coffee.** Monday, July 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **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.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, June 9

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:15 Tween Squad, Salem Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, June 11

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

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

WEDNESDAY, June 12

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

THURSDAY, June 13

10:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm More² Banquet

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin 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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