

Getting Right with God

Classical Christian Atonement



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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913-362-7735

March 15, 2020
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Our Hungry God” Worship Service in the series *Getting Right with God***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Consolator

Carlson

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 #587 “Through All the World, a Hungry Christ”**

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

-written by Jack Haberer

Leader: Generous God, Enough is enough!

**People: Or is it? Your love and care are extended way beyond our deserving,
 way beyond our capacity to collect.**

Leader: You provide us more than enough...

People: But Lord, so much of life disclaims that enoughness. We hope for more than we need. We work for more than we can obtain. We demand more than we have earned. We expect more than our share. At the same time we hear story upon story of people truly lacking the enough we consider so basic to our lives...

Leader: Too many millions of children lack the basic nutrients with which to build strong bodies, As famine and adult power struggles strip their pantries bare...

People: God, we do affirm your enoughness. Please, now, bestow on those so lacking: The home, the food, and the peace they need truly to have enough.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Help us who enjoy a super-abundance to turn our longing for more into a mission to simplify, to share, and to follow your lead, that is, to give.

People: In the name of the one who gave himself, even Christ Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*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 in Music

Offertory

John Ness Beck

A Word in Scripture

Mark 11:12-15

The next day, after leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. From far away, he noticed a fig tree in leaf, so he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing except leaves, since it wasn't the season for figs. So he said to it, "No one will ever again eat your fruit!" His disciples heard this.

They came into Jerusalem. After entering the temple, he threw out those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. He didn't allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He taught them, "Hasn't it been written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you've turned it into a hideout for crooks."

The chief priests and legal experts heard this and tried to find a way to destroy him. They regarded him as dangerous because the whole crowd was enthralled at his teaching. When it was evening, Jesus and his disciples went outside the city.

Early in the morning, as Jesus and his disciples were walking along, they saw the fig tree withered from the root up. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look how the fig tree you cursed has dried up."

Jesus responded to them, "Have faith in God! I assure you that whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea'—and doesn't waver but believes that what is said will really happen—it will happen. Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you. And whenever you stand up to pray, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your wrongdoings."

A Word Proclaimed

Rev. Aaron Roberts

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #396

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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

Sandringham

Peeters

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

-written by Thom Shuman

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus’ name, 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 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 #224 **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

* **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**

Healer of Our Every Ill

Honoré

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Robbie Robinson
Videographer:	Austin Henley
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Marsha Owen
Head Usher:	Stacy Kern
Ushers:	Ancel Neuburger, Bill Sanderson
Fellowship Host:	Diane Kuhn

Thirsty Voices: A UCC Mission Moment

John 4:5-42 *Amistad Sunday*

Your people are thirsty for justice, Holy God. Hear our cry.

On this *Amistad Sunday*, we remember those who thirsted for justice aboard the slave ship *Amistad*. We remember how women, children and men were stolen from their homes, were loaded like cargo onto a ship, were mocked and tortured. We remember the horrors of that terrible voyage and we say never again will the cry for justice go unanswered.

Your people are thirsty for justice, Holy God. Hear our cry.

We remember how those imprisoned aboard the *Amistad* were strangers to each other, and did not even speak the same language, yet still worked together to plan and execute an escape. We remember how the prisoners took control of the ship. We remember how the ship *Amistad* was then captured a second time, and how those children of God were imprisoned once again, this time on American soil. We remember the indignity of imprisonment and we say never again will the cry for justice go unanswered.

Your people are thirsty for justice, Holy God. Hear our cry.

We remember how a legal battle then began, to send those imprisoned on the *Amistad* home to the African soil from which they had been stolen. We remember those, many of them our ancestors in faith, who worked for justice both from within and outside of prison bars. We remember those who have fought for freedom from unjust confinement and we say never again will the cry for justice go unanswered.

Your people are thirsty for justice, Holy God. Hear our cry.

We remember and give thanks for these, our ancestors in faith who fought for freedom from sea and land. We celebrate their courage and we honor their dedication. We join them here and now as we say with one voice that never again will the cry for justice go unanswered.

Your people are thirsty for justice, Holy God. Hear our cry, now and forever. Amen.



The Sunday Crier

March 15, 2020

Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Lent calls us to confront the brokenness and suffering of the world. When our voices are loud enough and organized enough, legislators at all levels of government will listen. We can protest the human and economic costs of allowing one in seven Kansas households to live in poverty and one in five Kansas children to go hungry. The Board of Outreach is sponsoring a Bread for the World Offering of Letters to our members of Congress next Sunday, March 22. Colonial will join hundreds of churches around the country to advocate for legislation to increase funding for nutrition programs for mothers and children.

COVID-19 Protocol. The COVID-19 virus is creating degrees of concern and anxiety worldwide. The Center for Disease Control issues recommendations for religious communities, and at this time - other than the persistent advice to stay at home when you are showing symptoms and washing your hands - there are no specific recommendations for churches. However, if and when those recommendations come, we'll modify our practices to suit. As always, you can view our worship services online on YouTube (search Colonial Church in Prairie Village and subscribe).

COVID-19 Colonial Care Partner. As we prepare for the COVID-19 virus, we are linking people with a Care Partner. Each person will agree to contact one another a couple times a week to check on them. It is important that no one is sick and alone, and having a Care Partner can make a huge difference. If you are interested in being paired, please contact the church office at info@colonialucc.org.

Fair Trade Coffee. The Board of Outreach is selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate at the price Equal Exchange charges Colonial because we believe offering fair trade products brings justice to those farmers who are trying to support their families with a sustainable income. Purchase yours today in the narthex.

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's altar flowers are given by Cheri Van Orman in memory of her mother, Dorothy Van Orman.

Pastor Aaron's 10th Anniversary. This coming June will mark Aaron Roberts' 10th anniversary as Colonial's pastor. To celebrate this occasion the Council is planning recognition of Aaron's service following the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. worship services on June 7. We will present Aaron with a special gift as well as funding for sabbatical and/or continuing education purposes. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort is invited to make a donation through Heather at the church office, designating the gift "Aaron's 10th." Thank you for helping to honor Aaron.

Colonial Pub Night on March 17. The next Colonial Church Pub Night is Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Kansas City Bier Company (310 W 79th St, Kansas City, MO 64114). People have been gathering in pubs for ages to talk about life. Please let Heather in the church office know if you're planning to go so reserve a large enough table.

Moms Group. Moms of preschoolers or younger are invited to a get-to-know-you gathering at Lone Elm Park in Olathe on Saturday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m. A fun place for the kiddos to play while moms chat. Littles, sweatpants and coffees are welcome. This is an informal gathering for the moms and kids. RSVP to Hayden Ferguson (Haydenmh@yahoo.com) so we know how many to expect.

Colonial Friends to Tour Wornall House. On Wednesday, March 18, Colonial Friends will meet for lunch and a tour of the historic John Wornall house. Constructed in 1858, the home became a field hospital during the Battle of Westport. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 in the Summit Grill, 520 W. 75th Street. Our tour of the house, located at 6115 Wornall Road, will start at 1:00 p.m. The guided tour will take approximately 45 minutes and cost \$5.00 per person. If you want to carpool, please meet at the church by 11:15. Please email rstarcke@gmail.com if you plan to join us.

Help Our Youth! Our Youth Group is going to UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana in July and they need our help! Pick up a colored envelope in the narthex and fill it with the amount indicated to help them reach their goal, heck pick up two envelopes if you want.

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.

- **Book Group.** Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.
- **Dinner Group.** Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., Summit Grill at 520 W 75th St. KCMO. RSVP to Jayne Quimby.
- **Coffee/Breakfast.** Monday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless in 2020. 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 2020. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh20>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by about 4:00 p.m.

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 to Colonial for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, March 15

8:30 am Worship
 9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
 9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
 9:15 New Member Class, Cambridge Room
 9:30 Centering Prayer, Salem Room
 9:30 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex
 10:15 Worship
 10:15 Youth, Youth Room
 10:30 Sunday School
 11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

TUESDAY, March 17

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room
 6:00 pm Colonial Pub Night, KC Bier Company
 6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

WEDNESDAY, March 18

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops
 11:30 Colonial Friends, Summit Grill/Wornall House
 7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, March 19

10:30 am Bible Study, Pastor's Office
 6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, March 20

9:00 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 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 Cambridge Room for all students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Youth—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th-12th grade students. The group meets every other Sunday beginning in the youth room (Savoy) during the worship service at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service activities are planned throughout the year. Friends are welcome anytime, to class meetings or our outside activities.

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 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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