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“Memorial Day isn’t just about honoring veterans, it’s honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that’s a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve.”

Pete Hegseth



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May 27, 2018
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Reclaiming Our Common Purpose” Sunday Worship Service**

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, wie flüchtig, ach, wie nichtig

Böhm

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 Your Burdens Down

*** Opening Hymn #370** “What Gift Can We Bring?”

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: To restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

People: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

People: To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

All: Holy One, forgive us when we fall short of your call.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: God's Word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

People: God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ. 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

There Will be Nothing You Can't Do - Matthew 17:20

[Jesus taught:] “I assure you that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Go from here to there,’ and it will go. There will be nothing that you can't do.”

Death Will Not Be the Last Word - Isaiah 25:8-9

God will swallow up death forever. The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; God will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken. They will say on that day, “Look! This is our God,” for whom we have waited—and God has saved us!

We're in This Together - 1 Corinthians 12:24-27

God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC.



We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Sacrament of the Baptism of Nora Carson

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

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 #387** "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

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

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***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 of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. 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 #376

"God, We Thank You for Our People"

*** 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**

Armed Forces March

Kern

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Diane Kuhn
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Camille Breckenridge
Hospitality Table:	Jayne Quimby
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Linda Moses Mary Pelton, Bill Sanderson
Coffee and Conversation Host:	Jayne Quimby



The Sunday Crier

May 27, 2018

Post-Ramadan Dinner on May 29. Share a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Dialogue Institute Muslim neighbors on Tuesday, May 29 at Colonial. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m., presentation about Ramadan 8:15, dinner 8:50. Late start so the Ramadan fast will not be broken until after sunset. This is a great opportunity to learn more of the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/post-ramadan2018>

Annual Congregational Meeting on June 10. The Annual Meeting for Colonial will be Sunday, June 10, 2018 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 Huggins Kern

Nominations for elected positions may also be made by any two members of the congregation by submitting to the church office the name of the nominee and the written consent of such nominee so that such nominee's name may be included with the published list of nominees.

Baptism Today. Nora Carson will be baptized at the 10:15 service today. Nora is the 8-year-old daughter of Travis and Brook Carson. Her sponsors are Devin and Madison Metzinger.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the Cindy and George Lafferty in celebration of the wedding yesterday of Frances Lafferty and Tom Cochran.

More2 Transformation Banquet. More2 is celebrating with a Transformation Banquet on June 14, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Union Station to honor Kiku Brooks, Social Action Ministry Leader and Associate Minister of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The Justice and Witness Committee has bought a table for 10 at the event. We invite and encourage anyone interested in learning how to make Colonial voices louder and our hands more effective to do justice to join us for the party. Three \$75 tickets have been donated by members of the Justice and Witness Committee to the first three people who sign up. Contact Heather at the church office or Diane Kuhn, 913-631-9499. The committee has worked with other faith groups in MORE2 over the past two years as we address social and economic injustice throughout Metropolitan Kansas City. Our most recent victory came last week when Governor Jeff Colyer signed into law a bill granting compensation to exonerated felons for their years in prison.

Help Needed for Booth at KC PrideFest. We need a volunteer or two to work at the booth we are sharing with other United Church of Christ Open and Affirming congregations at the upcoming KC PrideFest on Sunday, June 3 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Berkley Riverfront Park. Please contact Heather in the church office if you can help.

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.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee.** Monday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.
- **Book Group.** Friday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home.

VBS Is July 10-13. 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>.

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.

The Week Ahead**TODAY, May 27**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

MONDAY, May 28

Office Closed – Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 29

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

8:00 pm Ramadan Dinner, Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 30

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

THURSDAY, May 31

12:00 pm—Bible Study

6:30—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, June 1

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SUNDAY, June 3

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Coffee & Conversation, 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, 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—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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