



(Rembrandt's *Christ (as gardener) and St. Mary Magdalene at the Tomb* used with permission.)

**Resurrection means that the worst thing is never
the last thing.** –Frederick Buechner



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March 27, 2016
11:00 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“An Easter Witness” Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's People

Prelude *"Finale" from the "Resurrection Symphony"* -Mahler

* **Processional Hymn #233** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Easter Acclamation

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

* **Call to Worship - The Tomb is Empty, But They Didn't Yet Understand - John 18:1-11**

Leader: Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

People: She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him."

Leader: Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there.

People: He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place.

Leader: Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

People: They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

*** Song of Praise #257 — Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! (Verses 1 & 3)**
Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! Yours the scepter, yours the throne!
Alleluia! Yours the triumph, yours the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation you've redeemed us by your blood.

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! Bread of angels, you on Earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
and the songs that sound in heaven will repeat your gracious plea.

*** Sharing God's Welcome** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship with an Easter Acclamation!)

Children's Conversation (Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word Proclaimed

-Pastor Aaron Roberts

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Now They Get It - Mary, the Apostle to the Apostles

John 20:12-18 Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

A Word Given in Our Holy Meal

Communion Prayer - Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Pastor: Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another.

People: **Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him.**

Pastor: This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ:

People: **He is Lord of all!**

Pastor: You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him.

People: We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

Pastor: They killed him by hanging him on a tree...

People: ...but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead.

Pastor: He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

People: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Pastor: As witnesses who eat and drink with Christ in this holy meal, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Consecration and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Drink the cup as you are served as a sign of God's particular love for you as the choir sings *Hear the News This Easter Morn* by Raney. Hold the bread until the end of the anthem, and we will eat it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple common meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May each one of our lives be inspired by your love, and may your love touch others through us. Amen.

We Respond with Thanksgiving and Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory *We Welcome This Glad Easter Day* -Mary Kay Beall
(Our weekly offering includes food collected to help fill local pantries.)

* Doxology (#780 adapted; tune Old Hundredth)
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication
**Risen Christ, bless these gifts, along with our very lives.
May gifts and givers alike be dedicated to your work of love, hope,
justice, and peace. Amen.** (UCC Worship Ways)

Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or 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 whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These 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 #240

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our 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.

* **Choral Benediction**

Hallelujah Chorus

-Handel

* **Postlude**

Carillon

-Vierne

Liturgist:	Marion Taylor
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Communion Servers:	Bill Sanderson, Linda Moses, Marylee Battaglia, Howard Lee
Greeter:	Bill Sanderson
Head Usher:	Harry Morrison
Ushers:	Mariam Fleming, Kendra Morrison, Ken Werne, Harry Morrison

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is covering the Gospel of Mark. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or sign up for the group via inFellowship from the church website.

NOTE: Our next Thursday Bible Study will be on April 7.

Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.

Lesson 5 - A Man of Sorrows Homework

Step 1: First Reading - Mark 15:1-47

Find a comfortable place to sit, when you can be undisturbed for 15 minutes or so. Read the text slowly, prayerfully and meditatively. Savor the words. Pray them. Put yourself into the text with your senses. What do you hear, smell, or feel? Pay attention to words or phrases that “speak to you” or “jump out at you.” Consider reading it aloud.

Step 2: Second Reading of the same text

This may happen at the same time as your first reading or at a different time or on another day. For this second reading, note any questions you might have. Is the reading all one, or can you see subsections or parts? Who are the main characters? Is there a plot or story? Note additional information you need - place names, monetary values, etc. - to better understand what’s going on.

Step 3: Interpreting the Text and Homework Questions (if you are planning to come to class, give the church office a call so that we can mail a copy of the lesson to you.)

Easter
John 20:1-18

He is Risen!

The gospel accounts of the resurrection differ in some of the particulars. In some, Jesus appeared and then disappeared again as quickly as a thought, while in other accounts he lingered. For some, Jesus could be described as a spiritual presence, while for others his presence was so real that they could only say that he appeared in bodily form.

The variations do not trouble me, because they all point to the same truth: He lives! As surely as you or I live, yet in a different way all the same.

The gospel writers are trying to describe a reality that is finally indescribable, like trying to describe spring to those who have only known winter. So the language is evocative, chosen to evoke in us the same reaction that was surely theirs. It is as if the disciples and gospel writers are trying to describe music to people who are deaf—so they dance and hope we catch a small sense of what music is about. It is as if they are trying to describe a sunset to those who are blind—so they say it is like a trumpet fanfare and hope we catch a glimmer of the majesty and power of a sunset.

Something happened that first Easter morning. We know something happened because something unexpected, something powerful turned the followers of Jesus, this huddle of dispirited and frightened men and women, into a valiant band ready to dare anything and doing it. Something happened that brought into motion this mighty force which has been celebrated in every tongue through the whole earth.

Something they could only describe as Jesus happened to them. And they could no more hold it in than a new mother could hold in the news of the birth of her child, no more than a blind man could ignore the restoration of his sight.

So today we join the original disciples and all who have followed in declaring, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!"

--Martin B. Copenhaver
President, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

EASTER LILIES

2016

We Give Thanks for the Contributions of:

Pauline Anthan
In honor of all Colonial's volunteers

Mary Baumgart and family
In memory of Norm Baumgart
In honor of our family

Catherine Bowser
In memory of John V. Bowser

Diane and Terry Brown
In honor of our family

Joe Cunningham
In memory of Daniel David Trail
In honor of Linda Cunningham

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In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Darling
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Davis

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In honor of my seven grandchildren

Hope Garrett and Wesley Cotten
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Barrie and Nicholas Herbst
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George Hixon's Family
In memory of George Hixon

Howard, Sally, Stacy, Hayden Huggins
In memory of Ray and Mary Grace Morgan

The Huggins Family
In memory of Gordon and Shirley Huggins, Marty Puckett

George and Cindy Lafferty
In memory of Digby and Libby Lafferty

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In memory of Vira, Fide, Dany, Joc, Chela, Lola, Alma and Ave

LeAnn McCartney
In memory of C.C. McCartney

Linda Moses
In celebration of: All Members of Colonial

M. Dolores Neese and children
In memory of Paul L. Nesse, Jr.

Tim and Donna Owens
In memory of our parents
In honor of our children and grandchildren

Deloras Pemberton
In memory of Beaty Pemberton

Jayne Quimby and Jan Parkinson
In honor of our families, past and present

Marty Sample
In memory of John and Priscilla Marsh

Marty and Lynn Sample
In memory of Joe Sample

Susie Stroud
In memory of my dear husband, Tom
In memory of our daughter, Teresa

Esther W. Sunderland
In memory of James Sunderland

The Uppman Family
In memory of Gabriel Marquez Uppman

Cheri VanOrman
In memory of my mom, Dorothy H. VanOrman

Lin Vaughn and family
In memory of John Vaughn and our parents

Bruce and Martha Wofford
In honor of our children and grandchildren

Wayne and Phyllis Yost
In honor of all Colonial's employees

Today Is Easter Sunday

Identical Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. — Traditional Worship. Activity for children at both services. Pastor Aaron preaching.

Easter Breakfast at Colonial — Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Board of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering.

Sunday, April 3 – One Service at 10:15 a.m.

Community Hymn Sing – We Sing Our Faith

The message and theology behind the hymns Christians sing are powerful. Hymns will speak even in the middle of crisis. A tune may allow God to speak in moments when you need it most. In April, the sermon series “Hymn Theology” will turn to some great hymns and the powerful message behind them.

April 3 – Community Hymn Sing

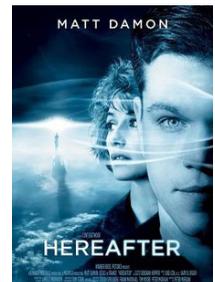
April 10 – Amazing Grace

April 17 – Joyful, Joyful

April 24 – This Is My Song (Earth Day weekend)

Movie Night: “Hereafter” on April 3

Due to an early Easter, March’s “Movie Night” will be a week later on Sunday, April 3rd at 5:30. We will view Clint Eastwood’s “Hereafter” (2010) starring Matt Damon. Roger Ebert described the film as one which “...considers the idea of an afterlife with tenderness, beauty and a gentle tact.” Popcorn and beverages provided; please bring a snack to share.



Candlelight & Conversation on April 9

The next Candlelight & Conversation will be on Saturday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jason and Stephanie Graff, 4141 W. 111th Terrace, Leawood. The conversation at these sessions focuses on topics that encourage the participants to share their personal experiences and opinions with the group. One of the topics will be: “Tell us what your memories of church are from the time you were a child. Feel free to bring props if you have them.” You do not need to RSVP if you plan to attend, but if you do come please bring either a snack or a beverage of your choice.

HIGHLIGHTS

Did You Know? Have you heard of Colonial's new youth group, The Colonial Tween Squad? C.T.S. is lead by Jim and Jeni Cosgrove and is open to all students in 3rd-6th grade. This youth group was inspired by Shea Zellweger's idea to help this unique age group find their place within the church. You'll be hearing and seeing a lot more from C.T.S. These bright, enthusiastic, young minds have come up with many ways to start building a community together through volunteering, projects and family events.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit.** Monday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. at Big Biscuit.
- **Mayflower Guild.** Wednesday, April 6, 12:30 p.m., Heritage Room. The program is "How to Listen" by Kirby Drayer. Everyone invited. RSVP to Marti Lee at 913-492-0749.
- **Alden Guild.** Thursday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., Thai Place.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. The Justice and Witness Committee will offer a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service.

Colonial's Prayer Chain. We would like to invite you to join the prayer chain. Those on it tell us that they appreciate timely messages of good cheer or health concerns. It is a great way to stay informed about our members. Here's how it works: simply indicate that you would be interested in being on our prayer chain by sending Sharon Yohn your email address. Then, when a notice or request comes in, Sharon sends the group the email. You do not have to forward the email! It is up to you how you deal with the information. Nor do you have to respond back to Sharon. So at this time, we invite you to let Sharon know of your interest by sending an email to Hohum2@comcast.net. Our prayer chain is long but it is never too long.

Electronic and Ink Recycling Colonial youth are recycling as part of a fundraising program. Working with Evolve Recycling, they are collecting laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and used cell phones while raising funds for our youth. Drop your items in the box by the office. Laptops should be taken to the office. Periodically, we ship the items collected to the Global Re-Source Funding offices, at no cost to us. Evolve Recycling periodically sends us a check for those items sent in. Please help the environment and our youth by bringing your items for recycling.

Stewardship Thought. "The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'" — Andrew Murray, South African evangelist and writer

Please remember the ministries of your church in your will.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY — EASTER SUNDAY

8:30-10:30 a.m.—EASTER BREAKFAST, Social Hall.

9:00 a.m.—WORSHIP.

11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

9:30 a.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN BOARD, Oberlin Room.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 a.m.—QUILTMAKERS, Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 a.m.—BELL CHOIR, Pilgrim Room.

9:15 a.m.—THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS, Library.

10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP.

10:30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

11:15 a.m.—COFFEE & CONVERSATION, Heritage Room.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m.—COLONIAL WOMEN COFFEE, Big Biscuit.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 a.m.—MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP, Perkins.

9:30 a.m.—BOOK GROUP, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.—COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops.

12:30 p.m.—MAYFLOWER GUILD, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—COLONIAL CHOIR, Choir Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 a.m.—BIBLE STUDY, Pastor's Office.

3:30 p.m.—JUSTICE & WITNESS COMMITTEE, Library.

6:00 p.m.—ALDEN GUILD, Thai Place (9359 W. 87th).

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. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is aaron@colonialucc.org.

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 for your convenience.

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. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) 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. Michelle Turpen leads the group. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year including volunteer opportunities, the annual Christmas pageant, and more.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Listen to our Weekly Messages—You can listen to the sermon and get the bulletin and study guide on our website.

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