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If you want justice, work for peace.
(Converse of the bumper sticker...)



Colonial Church
in Prairie Village

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913-362-7735

July 10, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Choosing Sides” Sunday Worship Service
 in the series *Christ and Buddha Took a Walk***

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Give me Jesus

-Billingham

Welcome and Call to Worship

(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.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

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* Hymn #592 *God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command*

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

“Now is the time when we bring our own stories before God...”

Prayer of Confession - Jesus Is a Parable

**Jesus is a parable,
 A language to express
 Matters inexpressible,
 Like robins laid to rest.**

Jesus is a parable,
 Approximately God,
 A song so sweet and terrible
 It lives outside the law.

Jesus is a parable,
 Some deity's mistake,
 A poem incomprehensible,
 The tint we cannot take.

Jesus is a parable,
 Obscure epiphany,
 A truth indeed unbearable,
 Another way to see.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

* **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** (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 to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

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

Beatitudes for Peacemaking and Righteous Justice

Matthew 5:9-10 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

To Know God - Defend the Rights of the Poor and Needy

Jeremiah 22:13-16 How terrible for Jehoiakim, who builds his house with corruption and his upper chambers with injustice, working his countrymen for nothing, refusing to give them their wages. He says, "I'll build myself a grand palace, with huge upper chambers, ornate windows, cedar paneling, and rich red decor." Is this what makes you a king, having more cedar than anyone else? Didn't your father eat and drink and still do what was just and right? Then it went well for him! He defended the rights of the poor and needy; then it went well. Isn't that what it means to know me? declares the LORD.

The Kindom is Coming

Mark 1:14-15 Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

The Kindom is Already Among You

Luke 17:20-21 Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom was coming. He replied, "God's kingdom isn't coming with signs that are easily noticed. Nor will people say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you."

Dying to Ego Driven Conceit

Galatians 2:17-21 If it is discovered that we ourselves are sinners while we are trying to be made righteous in Christ, then is Christ a servant of sin? Absolutely not!

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the life that I now live in my body, I live by faith, indeed, by the faithfulness of God's Son, who loved me and gave himself for me. I don't

ignore the grace of God, because if we become self-righteous, then Christ died for no purpose.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #438

When Peace, Like a River

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Fantasy-Pieces, Mvt. I

-Schumann

-Mary Burnett, clarinet

(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.

* Blessing the Offering

Holy One, When we hear talk of scarcity, you say there is enough. Show us how to use these gifts to make our community a place of abundance for all. Amen.

A 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 #584**

I Am the Light of the World

* **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.

* **Congregational Song of Blessing #809 *God Be With You***

***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** *In dich hab ich gehofft, Herr*

-J.C. Bach

Liturgist:	Joan Gilson
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Bekki Walsh
Greeter:	Marilyn Uppman
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Kendra & Harry Morrison, Mary Pelton, Bill Yohn

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a year. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via InFellowship from the church website.

Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

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

This week's readings:

Sunday, July 10 - Read Genesis 1-3 and Matthew 1

Monday, July 11 - Read Genesis 4-6 and Matthew 2

Tuesday, July 12 - Read Genesis 7-9 and Matthew 3

Wednesday, July 13 - Read Genesis 10-12 and Matthew 4

Thursday, July 14 - Read Genesis 13-15 and Matthew 5:1-26

Friday, July 15 - Read Genesis 16-17 and Matthew 5:27-48

Saturday, July 16 - Read Genesis 18-19 and Matthew 6:1-18



The Sunday Crier

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2nd Sunday ACE Classes Christianity 101

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. between our worship services we are going to explore the basics of Christian faith. Pastor Aaron will lead the classes, which are about 1/2 hour long in the Cambridge Room. The topics and dates are:

What is God? – today; Made in the Image of God? – August 14; Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? – September 18 (note special date); Revelation or Delusion? – October 9; Following Jesus' Way – November 13. Sign up for these classes on the signup board in the narthex or at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/GroupSearch/ShowGroup/2084138>.

July Sermon Series - Jesus and Buddha Took a Walk ...

Many Christians have found a Buddhist perspective on their own spiritual path refreshing. The teachings of Jesus can be seen unvarnished by religious dogma. This month we are going to explore our Christianity through a Buddhist lens to find what the Holy Spirit has to say.

Today - Choosing Sides

July 17 - Superhumans

July 24 - Enlightened Sanctification

Confessional Stories for Worship

As you've all witnessed in worship, we are now including confessional stories in our services. I hope you have found the stories shared thus far to be relatable and inspiring. We are looking for more people willing to share stories during this time. This is not necessarily an easy thing to do, but it is incredibly rewarding and beneficial for the whole congregation! If you are interested or curious, please reach out to me via phone or email. I'll walk you through it and make sure you and your story are prepared. I look forward to hearing from many of you! Rev. Caitie Smith (cell: 336-963-0142; caitie.smith@colonialucc.org)

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by TIM AND MARION TAYLOR in celebration of their 11th anniversary.

THE WEEK AHEAD HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthen the Church Offering

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to re-imagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Special envelopes for your offering will be in the pews Sunday. As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.

Feed the Hungry Donations

It's true! Food pantries welcome all the non-perishable foods you donate because they know hungry people will be walking through the doors every day they are open. However, they also welcome foods that need refrigeration as well. Sometimes stores will have special sales on margarine, cheese or other dairy products. Or fruits or vegetables. Gardeners may have abundant crops to share. Any items that won't melt or decompose for about two hours in the red wagon on Sunday morning will conveniently find a cold spot by noon and be delivered the next day. And they will help someone enjoy a more healthy diet.

Join Artists Helping the Homeless and Colonial Church on the 4th Sunday of every month as we seek to serve those in need. Help is needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving the meal. Meals will be served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>.

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.

Board of Property Management Grounds Care Groups. The Board of Property Management is setting up care groups to help take care of Colonial. These groups would meet once a year and complete one designated task. Currently we are looking for volunteers for two different groups - trim the back lot – east side of parking lot, or blow/rake/ pickup leaves this fall (November). If you would like to take on either of these projects, contact Bill Sanderson (bills043@gmail.com). Please consider this opportunity to contribute a little to the good of the whole. Thanks!!!

TODAY, July 10

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

9:15 a.m.—Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room.

9:30 a.m.—Christianity 101, Cambridge Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

11:30 a.m.—Board of Christian Education, Cambridge Room.

TUESDAY, July 12

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops.

WEDNESDAY, July 13

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

THURSDAY, July 14

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

4:00 p.m.—Molly's Table, Heritage Room.

FRIDAY, July 15

8:00 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

TODAY — July 17

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

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.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

11:15 a.m.—Standing Naked Before God Study Group, Library.

11:30 a.m.—Council, Northampton Room

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.

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. 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 the Choir Room, September-May.

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

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

Social Media— Stay up to date with what’s happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter:

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