



(The Compassionate Christ as Buddha used with permission by he who would be lost.)

**There are only two mistakes one can make along
the road to truth; not going all the way, and not
starting.** **-Gautama Buddha**



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July 17, 2016
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
 “Superhumans” 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

Te ofrecemos

-Honoré

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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People: God is good!

* Hymn #469

O Grant Us Light

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey.

When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies.

When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands.

When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response.

When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You.

When we stray, turn us around.

When we fail, give us another chance.

When we sin, forgive us.

And hear our silent prayers.

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

The Earliest Version of Jesus Summarizing the Law

Mark 12:28-34 [A legal expert] came over and asked [Jesus], "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

The legal expert said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, "You aren't far from God's kingdom."

The Question that Matters

Mark 8:27-29 Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

The Original Ending of the First Story of Jesus

Mark 16:1-8 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially

Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Express your thoughts via social media at #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

Offertory

Premiere of *Who Will Sing for Peace*

-Dr. R. Douglas Helvering

-Kathryn Huey, contralto Dr. Joseph Kern, Piano

(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, take these gifts and use them to sing of your desire for peace and goodness for all people and all places. 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 #492

I Would Be True

* **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**

Melita

-Wold

Liturgist:

Linda Moses

Videographer:

Geoff Robinson

Worship Graphics Operator:

Miles Roberts

Children's Conversation:

Camille Breckenridge

Greeters:

Joe and Linda Cunningham

Head Usher:

Mariam Fleming

Ushers:

Leonore & Ed Rowe, Joan & Jerry Gilson

United Church of Christ Mission Moment
July 17, 2016

Word and Work

We know Martha and Mary. They are like us in so many ways. They love each other enough to want to work in concert, to keep house together, to welcome Jesus, the itinerant preacher, and serve him dinner. They're also close enough to bicker—sisters and partners squabbling about whose doing too much and feeling put upon and arguing about the best way to be hospitable.

This story, in its day, was also about the roles people had in congregations. We know from the Book of Acts, chapter 6, that male disciples argued over which was more important work – serving community meals or studying the word of God. In the long history of the church universal, women have been included in the conversation about how the church should serve the world. However, it has only been recently that such service has included ordained ministry and other visible leadership roles.

For General Synod 2015, at the invitation of the UCC Historical Council, a group of women dressed as female figures from our UCC history and walked around the exhibit hall in Cleveland telling people about who they were and what they meant to our shared history. This living history demonstration was so popular that it has continued into an ongoing program called “UCC Roots,” a monthly email with a short story about a prominent UCC personage from our past.

Some of those featured in UCC Roots have been people like Mary Peake, a 19th century African American woman who secretly taught slaves to read, and Emma Newman, an early Congregational minister serving on the frontier. Also featured have been Cotton Mather, the Puritan preacher, and Robert V. Moss, president of the UCC from 1969-1976. (If you want to receive a monthly piece of UCC history you can subscribe at ucc.org. Look for “Subscribe” on the home page.)

History offers more than glimpses of the powerful and visible; it also tells the stories of those like us, who sought ways they might serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One way to better understand who we are now is to get to know who we have been, and to remember that those who served the church before us were not always the ones in charge. Sometimes they were like Mary and Martha.

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 17 - Worship

Monday, July 18 - Read Genesis 13 - Abram and Lot Separate

Tuesday, July 19 - Read Matthew 1 - The Genealogy and Birth of Jesus

Wednesday, July 20 - Read Genesis 14 - Lot's Captivity and Rescue and
Melchizedek's Blessing

Thursday, July 21 - Read Matthew 2 - The Wise Men and the Escape to Egypt

Friday, July 22 - No Readings

Saturday, July 16 - Read Genesis 15 - God's Covenant with Abram



The Sunday Crier

July 17, 2016

Swim Party for Colonial Women

Join us on Saturday, July 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Kathi Cook (2418 W. 71st Ter., Prairie Village, KS). Bring a snack to share, your beverage, and a towel. Water and soft drinks provided!

Sermon Series Survey

Help Pastor Aaron develop sermon series for worship services at Colonial Church this coming year. Take this short survey – <http://tinyurl.com/sermon-planning>

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: 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 - Superhumans

July 24 - Enlightened Sanctification

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by HOWARD AND SALLY HUGGINS in celebration of the wedding of their daughter, Hayden Huggins, and Matthew Ferguson yesterday.

HIGHLIGHTS

Giving Statements

The giving statements for the period January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 have been mailed. If you gave during that period and did not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Colonial Women Coffee.** Monday, August 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren. All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Eighty-five-year-old Addie tells the story of her life to her 22-year-old granddaughter, who has asked her “How did you get to be the woman you are today?” She begins in 1915, the year she found her voice and made friends who would help shape the course of her life. From the one-room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and two sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first, disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naïve girl she was and a wicked sense of humor. Save the date: Friday, October 7, home of Stephanie Graff. We will discuss *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.

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.

TODAY, July 17

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:00 a.m.—Board of Stewardship, Cambridge 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.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

11:30 a.m.—Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room.

TUESDAY, July 19

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, July 20

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

THURSDAY, July 21

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

SUNDAY, July 24

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.

TUESDAY, July 26

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

July 26-30—Youth at UCC National Youth Event, Orlando.

THURSDAY, July 28

9:00 a.m.—Care Committee, Heritage Room.

Friday, July 29

8:00 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

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.

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