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Everyone has a spirit that can be refined, a body that can be trained in some manner, a suitable path to follow. You are here to realize your inner divinity and manifest your innate enlightenment.

-Morihei Ueshiba



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July 24, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“Enlightened Sanctification” 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

Vater unser in Himmelreich

-J.S. Bach

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 #491

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

A Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, our journey to You often feels like a dance, one step forward and two steps back. We follow and we falter; we try and we give up. The good we do seems to fall flat, and the wrong we do gets magnified. For all our failings, for all our missteps, You do not give up on us. Stay with us, and when we lose our way, turn us around to You. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

What Christians Were Called Before They Were Known As "Christians"

Acts of the Apostles 9:1-2 Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found *persons who belonged to the Way*, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Jesus and Gautama as Children

Luke 2:40 [Jesus] up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Luke 2:45-47 When [his parents] didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers.

SUTTA-NIPATA 693 This prince [Gautama] will come to the fulfillment of perfect enlightenment. The religious life will be fully expounded.

LALITAVISTAR SUTRA 11 Meanwhile, the King, having noticed that the Bodhisattva was missing, inquired concerning his absence, asking: "Where has the young prince gone? I do not see him anywhere." So a great crowd of people spread out in all directions to look for the prince. Shortly, one of the King's advisors caught sight of the Bodhisattva in the shade of the jambu tree, seated with his legs crossed, deep in meditation.

Dying to an Old Way of Living

Luke 9:23-25 Jesus said to everyone, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives?"

Paul Becomes a Better Human Being

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The Goal of a Christian Life - Enlightened Sanctification

Philippians 3:12-15 It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way.

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #283

Spirit of the Living God

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Now Thank we all our God

-Dupre

(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, peace is the word you whisper to us over and over. Use these offerings to make peace not just a whisper, but reality. 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 #360

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

Blessing our Youtz and Adult Leaders for National Youth Event

* **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** *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* -J.C. Bach

Liturgist:	Carrie Roberts
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Linda Moses
Children's Conversation:	Pastor Aaron Roberts
Greeters:	Bill and Sharon Yohn
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Mariam Fleming, Rosalie Henry, Frank Robertson

Basics of Buddhism

Four Noble Truths of Buddhism:

1. The truth of suffering (dukkha)
2. The truth of the cause of suffering (samudaya)
3. The truth of the end of suffering (nirhodha)
4. The truth of the path that frees us from suffering (magga)

The Eightfold Path/Way (Noble Truth #4)

1. Right View or Right Understanding, insight into the true nature of reality.
2. Right Intention, the unselfish desire to realize enlightenment.
3. Right Speech, using speech compassionately.
4. Right Action, ethical conduct; manifesting compassion.
5. Right Livelihood, making a living through ethical and non-harmful means.
6. Right Effort, cultivating wholesome qualities; releasing unwholesome qualities.
7. Right Mindfulness, whole body-and-mind awareness.
8. Right Concentration, meditation or some other dedicated, concentrated practice.

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 few years. 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 24 - Worship

Monday, July 25 - Read Genesis 16 - Birth of Ishmael

Tuesday, July 26 - Read Matthew 3 - The Proclamation of John the Baptist and Jesus' Baptism

Wednesday, July 27 - Read Genesis 17 - Circumcision - a Sign of the Covenant

Thursday, July 28 - Read Matthew 4 - The Temptation of Jesus and the Beginning of His Ministry

Friday, July 29 - No Readings

Saturday, July 30 - Read Genesis 18 - A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah



The Sunday Crier

July 24, 2016

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 sign up board in the narthex or at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/GroupSearch/ShowGroup/2084138>.

Buying Fair Trade Goods

Each week a Justice and Witness Committee member delivers donated groceries from the little red wagon to a local food pantry to feed hungry folks in Johnson County. However, committee members understand the importance of enabling others to feed themselves. That is why we are encouraging Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sales on the second Sunday of each month, as well as purchasing other Fair Trade goods as much as possible. We recognize our purchases support small-scale coffee and cacao farmers, enabling them to feed their families, educate their children, and provide clean water for their community. Because of their contracts for a specific quantity at a set price with Equal Exchange, they know how much to plant to assure a predictable income. They gain crucial market access they would not otherwise have. They are no longer at the mercy of middlemen trying to exact the lowest possible price from desperate growers.

Buying Fair Trade provides economic justice for vulnerable workers and farmers who want and deserve a place at the table in the market place. Buying Fair Trade bestows not only income, but dignity for those seeking independence and recognition for their hard work and creativity. Buying Fair Trade is investing in people who in turn invest in their communities. Buying Fair Trade is “extending the influence of Christ throughout the world.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by LAFFERTY AND HUGGINS FAMILIES in memory of Ray and Mary Grace Morgan.

HIGHLIGHTS

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>

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>.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY, 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 to National Youth Event, Florida.

FRIDAY, July 29

8:00 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

SUNDAY, July 31

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.

MONDAY, August 1

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit.

TUESDAY, August 2

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins.

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

WEDNESDAY, August 3

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

THURSDAY, August 4

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

3:30 p.m.--Justice and Witness Committee, Library

FRIDAY, August 5

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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