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When we use old confessions and catechisms, we help people realize that other Christians have asked the same questions. -Kevin DeYoung



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July 16, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
The Second Pillar: Knowledge Sunday Worship Service
in the series *Jedi Faith*

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Princess Leia's Theme

-Williams

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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* **Opening Hymn #290 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Adapted from Portions of the Heidelberg Catechism

I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to God.

Not a hair can fall from my head without the will of God.

God's Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live in service to God.

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 – Songs from VBS

(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

You Will Receive Power

Acts of the Apostles 1:8 [Jesus said,] “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

Even Greater Works Than Jesus

John 14:11-12 [Jesus said,] “Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.”

Power to Move Mountains

Mark 11:22-23 [Jesus said,] "Have faith in God! I assure you that whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea'—and doesn't waver but believes that what is said will really happen—it will happen.”

What About Me?

1 Corinthians 6:17 The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Matthew 10:28-31 Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #475

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Closer to the Heart

-Rush

(Our weekly offering includes food collected in the red wagon 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

Grow these gifts in your love, Untamed God.

Bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love

To make us worthy of your work in this world.

Fill these gifts and each of us with your Holy Spirit. 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 #465** *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way*
- * **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** *The Imperial March* -Williams

Liturgist:	Whitey Ackley
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	VBS Kids
Hospitality Table:	Mary Pelton
Head Usher:	Doug Welch
Ushers:	Randy Freeman
	Sue Freeman
	Cindy Lafferty
	Doug Welch

United Church of Christ Mission Moment for July 16, 2017
Genesis 25:19-34

A House Divided

The twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah, Esau and Jacob would always have trouble. They were born that way, born to be divided, born to scrap and fight, and constantly wrestling.

Esau, born first, was an outdoorsman, a hunter. Jacob preferred to stay in the tents. It would be the quieter one, the homebody, Jacob, who would end up stealing Esau's birthright as the first-born. As their story progresses a natural rivalry between them will turn toward animosity, much as our nation's political milieu has become in recent years.

It may be that there have been other eras when political discourse and everyday interactions were punctuated by the sounds of relationships fracturing and a people seriously divided against each other, but it does feel like this time is unlike any other. Sometimes, everything seems charged with an electricity of division. We are divided not only by opinion but as always by race and national origin and all the other categories that lay claim.

Rev. Nayiri Karjian is a UCC Interim Transitional Minister who has served UCC churches from Connecticut to Missouri to Tennessee and Colorado. She was born in Syria to Armenian parents who had fled from Turkey. She grew up in Aleppo and went to school in Lebanon. She has woken up to the sound of gunfire, and she has heard bombs more than once in her life. In 1982, she fled to the United States with a few clothes, \$300, and a student visa.

Since 1985, Nayiri has shared her story with many congregations. She tells about her experiences growing up in Syria. She talks about going to school with both Muslims and Christians, and how important it is to hear each other's stories. Story-sharing, she will tell you, is an invitation to friendship and compassion, and a way to discover our shared humanity. It may not be inevitable that we were born to face others over a wall of differences. Sharing our lives means telling our stories in order to find our connections and not just our divisions.



The Sunday Crier

July 16, 2017

July Sermon Series: JEDI FAITH

The Jedi of the Star Wars universe rely on the mysterious power of the Force. In many ways, this experience is like that of the Holy Spirit. Christian discipleship is a path of exploring the living Spirit. This July we're going to begin like Initiates with the 3 Pillars of Jedi Faith and the mystery beyond.

Today - The Second Pillar: Knowledge

July 23 - The Third Pillar: Self Discipline

July 30 - Transcending Death

Important Notice. Beginning on or shortly after Monday, July 24, Southern Star Energy will be doing work on the exposed gas pipeline that runs along the creek bed behind the church. Specifically they are doing erosion control. What this means for us is that they will be parking work trucks (no heavy equipment) on our parking lot on the concrete area at the south end. There still should be passage to the back of the church, and the south lot should be open for parking. Hopefully they are finished by Sunday, July 30, and everything is gone. Please be aware of this and adjust your parking spots accordingly. Again, the asphalt area of the back lot will be totally open, as will the south lot and Macy's. The only lot that should be impacted by this is the concrete surfaced southern section of the back (east) lot along the creek bed. — Bill Sanderson

Toothpaste Collection. The Kansas City, KS Successful Beginnings Head Start needs your assistance. Brushing teeth is one of the many standards required by Head Start. The Board of Outreach has generously agreed for the fourth year to supply child-size toothbrushes for 500 students. We need **large tubes of toothpaste**. Please pay attention to the label as some toothpastes are for children 6 and over usually the ones with whitening added. The children like the kid flavored ones. Please bring toothpaste on July 23 and July 30. You can also make a donation. Checks should be payable to Colonial with toothpaste in the memo line. Marylee Battaglia will deliver them to the Head Start Department prior to their first day of school in mid-August.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by HAYDEN AND MATTHEW FERGUSON in celebration of their first anniversary today.

Swim Party for Colonial Women

Join us on Saturday, July 22 at 1:00 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.

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 July 23. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial> or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so 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 and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Book Group.** Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi.
- **Coffee.** Monday, August 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Today. The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase in the narthex following the 10:15 service on the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity will be August 13.

Living the Questions 2.0 Sunday Morning ACE. People know that, at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. Living the Questions is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. Living the Questions meets the second Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room. Signup at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Group/Show/2084138>

Fellowship Beverage/Snack Hosts. We are seeking people to host the fellowship time after 10:15 service in the Heritage Room on Sundays. They provide a beverage and snack, set up the room, visit with guests, and clean up. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-worship2017>. Scroll down to find available dates. Please contact Barrie Herbst (913-859-9320; bherbst@pbnmed.com) for training prior to your Sunday volunteer time.

Feed the Hungry Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked “Food Pantry” on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

Colonial Bible Study. Our 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study is reading through the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we 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 sign up for the group via InFellowship from the church website.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, July 16

8:30 am—Worship

9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15—Worship

10:30—Sunday School

11:15—Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

TUESDAY, July 18

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, July 19

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

THURSDAY, July 20

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, July 21

8:30 am—Quiltmakers, Social Hall

SATURDAY, July 22

1:00 pm—Colonial Women Swim Party, Kathi Cook home

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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.

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am 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, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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