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No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it. -Albert Einstein



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July 23, 2017
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
The Third Pillar: Self Discipline 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

Han and the Princess

-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 #58**

Spirit of Love

* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession
 Baylor

-written by Rev. Lavon

God, we are somewhat blind to the wealth that surrounds us. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Make us aware of the power that we have, and keep us from building barriers that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to conform to this world's standards, set before us a higher model of sacrifice and service.

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

Lasting Fruit

John 15:16 I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last.

Spiritually Immature

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 Brothers and sisters, I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet. Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual. When jealousy and fighting exist between you, aren't you unspiritual and living by human standards?

Be Transformed

Romans 12:1-2 So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

(Apps mentioned today: Calm and Headspace)

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

* Hymn #451

Be Now My Vision

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

(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

Gracious God, as your church, we become aware that the greatest gifts we have are not material. The relationships and love that flow from your Spirit that are what make this life rich and full. You also have shown us how to use our material resources to help and serve our neighbors. Help us honor and bless those we are called to serve with what we have now just given. 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.

	Stage	Description
Stage 1	Intuitive-Projective	This is the stage of preschool children in which fantasy and reality often get mixed together. However, during this stage, our most basic ideas about God are usually picked up from our parents and/or society.
Stage 2	Mythic-Literal	When children become school-age, they start understanding the world in more logical ways. They generally accept the stories told to them by their faith community but tend to understand them in very literal ways. [A few people remain in this stage through adulthood.]
Stage 3	Synthetic-Conventional	Most people move on to this stage as teenagers. At this point, their life has grown to include several different social circles and there is a need to pull it all together. When this happens, a person usually adopts some sort of all-encompassing belief system. However, at this stage, people tend to have a hard time seeing outside their box and don't recognize that they are "inside" a belief system. At this stage, authority is usually placed in individuals or groups that represent one's beliefs. [This is the stage in which many people remain.]
Stage 4	Individuative-Reflective	This is the tough stage, often begun in young adulthood, when people start seeing outside the box and realizing that there are other "boxes". They begin to critically examine their beliefs on their own and often become disillusioned with their former faith. Ironically, the Stage 3 people usually think that Stage 4 people have become "backsliders" when in reality they have actually moved forward.
Stage 5	Conjunctive Faith	It is rare for people to reach this stage before mid-life. This is the point when people begin to realize the limits of logic and start to accept the paradoxes in life. They begin to see life as a mystery and often return to sacred stories and symbols but this time without being stuck in a theological box.
Stage 6	Universalizing Faith	Few people reach this stage. Those who do live their lives to the full in service of others without any real worries or doubts.



The Sunday Crier

July 23, 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. We are continuing our series about the 3 Pillars of Jedi Faith and the mystery beyond.

Today - The Third Pillar: Self Discipline

July 30 - Transcending Death

Parking Lot Disruption. 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 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. 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.

Toothpaste Collection Today. 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**. None with whitening added. The children like the kid flavored ones. We are collecting today and next Sunday. 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. Please put toothpaste in the shopping cart in the narthex.

*Altar
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by CINDY AND GEORGE LAFFERTY in memory of Ray and Mary Grace Morgan.

What Sermon Ideas Do You Have? Help Pastor Aaron plan the topics for our worship service this coming year by participating in our summer survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRYYSJ2>

Construction to Begin on Chapel. Our target start date is July 24 to begin renovation of the choir room. Construction should take approximately three weeks. We invite anyone who would like to see what the room looks like before construction to take a look. You will be able to see up to the second ceiling, which will be removed. The new one will be put in at that height. Audio/Visual – We have discussed the possibility of adding an audio/visual system so the room could be better equipped for meetings, small worship services and fun things like movie night. Stark Raving Solutions, the same company that installed the system in the sanctuary, gave us a bid of just under \$10,000. The Council and Admin Board are asking the congregation to weigh in on the decision to proceed with this \$10,000 A/V system. Please answer a brief survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R99HT63>

Celebration of Pauline on Her Retirement. Pauline Anthan, our church administrator the past 20 years, is retiring so on Sunday, August 20, we will celebrate her service, in worship and with a potluck lunch in the Social Hall. We will also honor Pauline with a gift. If you would like to contribute, mark your check “Pauline” in the memo line or on an offering envelope. You can contribute online on our website, colonialucc.org. Click on “Give Online” at the top and sign in or click “Give Now” at the top. Select Pauline’s Retirement from the dropdown menu.

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 August 27. 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. 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.

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!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, July 23

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

2:00 pm—Cooking for Artists Helping the Homeless, Social Hall

TUESDAY, July 25

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, July 26

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

12:00 pm—Stephen Ministry, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops

THURSDAY, July 27

9:00 am—Care Committee, Heritage Room

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office

6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

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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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