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**Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.**

**-Rabindranath Tagore**



**Colonial Church**

*in Prairie Village*

[www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)  
913-362-7735

July 30, 2017  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
*Transcending Death* 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**

*Yoda'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 on bulletin page 7** *Hush*

\* **A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession – *Make Me Brave for Life*

-author unknown

**God, make me brave for life: oh, braver than this.**

**Let me straighten after pain, as a tree straightens after the rain,**

**Shining and lovely again.**

**God, make me brave for life; much braver than this.**

**As the blown grass lifts, let me rise**

**From sorrow with quiet eyes,**

**Knowing Thy way is wise.**

**God, make me brave, life brings**

**Such blinding things.  
Help me to keep my sight;  
Help me to see aright  
That out of dark comes light.**

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

#### **Paul Explains It All**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-17** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord.

#### **Jesus on Life After Death**

**Matthew 22:23-32** Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Jesus. They asked, "Teacher, Moses said, If a man who doesn't have children dies, his brother must marry his wife and produce children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married, then died. Because he had no children he left his widow to his brother. The same thing happened with the second brother and the third, and in fact with all seven brothers. Finally, the woman died. At the resurrection, which of the seven brothers will be her husband? They were all married to her."

Jesus responded, "You are wrong because you don't know either the scriptures or God's power. At the resurrection people won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like angels from God. As for the resurrection of the dead, haven't you read what God told you, 'I'm the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' He isn't the God of the dead but of the living."

#### **Same Paul, But Different**

**Philippians 1:12-23** Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the things that have happened to me have actually advanced the gospel. The whole Praetorian Guard and everyone else knows that I'm in prison for Christ. Most of the brothers and sisters have had more confidence through the Lord to speak

the word boldly and bravely because of my jail time. Some certainly preach Christ with jealous and competitive motives, but others preach with good motives. They are motivated by love, because they know that I'm put here to give a defense of the gospel; the others preach Christ because of their selfish ambition. They are insincere, hoping to cause me more pain while I'm in prison.

What do I think about this? Just this: since Christ is proclaimed in every possible way, whether from dishonest or true motives, I'm glad and I'll continue to be glad. I'm glad because I know that this will result in my release through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

It is my expectation and hope that I won't be put to shame in anything. Rather, I hope with daring courage that Christ's greatness will be seen in my body, now as always, whether I live or die. Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better.

Express your thoughts via social media #ColonialUCC



## **We Depart to Serve**

\* Hymn #59

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

\* **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** *Star Wars (Main Theme)*

-Williams

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# Hush!

*Inspired by the African-American Spiritual*

♩=70

Em

Hush! Hush! The Spir-it's call - in' my name. Hush!

Am7

Can you hear it the same? Hush! Hush! The Spir-it's call - in' my name.

Em B Am7

Hush! Hush! Burn-in' like a flame. I can feel it, the pow'r of God. Oh,

Em

Hush! Hush! The Spir-it's call - in' my name. Hush! Hush! The

Last time, Fine A Em

Spir-it's call - in' my name. 1. Man - y the gifts that the Spir - it gives,  
2. Pour out your Spir - it, O breath of God.  
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, the Heav'n-ly Dove,

A Em A

Giv - en to bless one and all. In - side of each one the  
Breathe in your peo - ple to - day! Strength-en your church in the  
Teach us to live ev - 'ry - day! Help us to live in the

Em F# B D.C.

Spir - it lives, Help - ing us fol - low the call. Oh,  
world a - broad, Lead us in Je - sus - 's way! Oh,  
ways of love, Give us your pow'r as we pray! Oh,

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# *The Sunday Crier*

July 30, 2017

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## **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 - Transcending Death

**Your Chance to Voice Your Opinion.** Construction has begun on the Chapel/Choir Room and we need your input. **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, weddings, baptisms and many other possibilities. 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 Administrative Board are asking the congregation to weigh in on the decision to proceed with this AV System and its funding. Please answer two questions 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. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. A freewill offering will be accepted. 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](http://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.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by the JIM AND JENI COSGROVE AND FAMILY in loving memory of Stephanie Schmidt.

**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>

**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. If you didn't bring toothpaste, you can 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.

**Living the Questions 2.0.** 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. The Living the Questions sessions meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room on the second Sunday of the month.

**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**

- **Coffee.** Monday, August 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan.

**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!

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **TODAY, July 30**

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

### **TUESDAY, August 1**

8:00 am—Men’s Breakfast Group, Perkins  
 9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, August 2**

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

### **THURSDAY, August 3**

10:00 am—Bible Study, Pastor’s Office  
 6:30 pm—AA, Oberlin Room

### **SUNDAY, August 6**

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

### **MONDAY, August 7**

9:30 am—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

### **TUESDAY, August 8**

9:30 am—Book Group, Heritage Room  
 5:30 pm—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

## 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](mailto: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](http://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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