

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018



Community United Methodist Church

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## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Sunday, April 22, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship – Social Hall

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class: making & serving lunch for Simpson Shelter guests. We are meeting @ Faith UMC 2708 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE

### **Monday, April 23, 2018**

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

### **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner

6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Confirmation at Faith UMC

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 26, 2018**

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Eve Circle @ Barb Millers

### **Friday, April 27, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

### **Sunday, April 29, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship – Social Hall

# Community United Methodist Church

April 22, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

*A time of quiet reflection is appreciated as we gather for worship. During this time, you may wish to use one of the prayer slips at the end of each pew to request a prayer to be lifted up during the service.*

## Chimes

### Bells Prelude

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

-Founds

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Gathering Words (adapted from Genesis 2)

On this Earth Day, we think about the stories: At the time God made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs has sprouted from the ground. God hadn't yet sent rain on Earth. The whole Earth was watered by underground springs.

**God formed Man and Woman out of dirt from the ground and the breath of God was the breath of life. Humanity became, living souls!**

Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. God made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat. The Tree-of-Life was in the middle of the garden, also the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil.

\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

**A river flows out of Eden to water the garden and from there divides into four rivers. God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.**

Friends, we learn from this story and are reminded in our role, to keep our planet in order and be good stewards. We serve in dominion of the care for all creation.

**God, we thank you for the earth and all the universes and accept our role for all creation and her care. Amen!**

**\* Hymn**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth", verses 1-4, 6*

Red Hymnal #92

**Prayer to Begin**

**We are grateful to be gathered here, within the area of the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, which we share with a diversity of plants and creatures, including trees like the oaks, maples, apple, ash, and more. We are thankful for the starter plants growing in our Wesley Room, that are for the garden soon to be planted. We are thankful for the ecology of our community and world!**

**We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Dakotas, Sioux, Chippewa, Ojibwe, the Prairie Island peoples and more. May we nurture our relationship with all our neighbors, and our shared responsibilities to this watershed where**

**we gather today. May we be better stewards of the land and water that allow us our life. May the quiet of our stilled hearts be present now, connecting our spirits...**

## **Silent Prayers**

### **Call to Prayer**

*“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”, sing twice*

Black Hymnal #2200

### **Lighting the Peace Candle**

**We light this candle for all of God’s creation with God’s life-sustaining presence. We pray for all ecosystems, the creation dependent on those systems, and the roles we play in caring for or harming them. We pray for the knowledge, enlightenment, and empowerment of our understanding of this inter-dependence. It is not only about survival, but about our self-identity. We create meaning and belonging based on our surroundings no matter where we live and a sense of place.**

### **Bells Anthem**

*“Kum Ba Yah”*

-Wilson

### **Children’s Time**

Children are invited to use the activity bags or the activity tables in the sanctuary. Sunday School will be held downstairs following Children’s Time.

## **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-9, 16-18

2 Corinthians 5:18

Matthew 5:7-9

*Reader: These words inspired by God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Acts of Easter: Earth Day – Sense of Place

## **\* Hymn**

*“O God, Creator of All Things”*

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Note: Sung to the tune of “*Forest Green*” - Red Hymnal #125

## **Our Time of Prayer**

Sharing of the Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

“Our (*Father, Mother, God, Creator*) ...” please use whichever name you find meaningful.

## **Offertory**

*“Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, In Peace”*

-Carl Schalk

## **Doxology**

*“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Red Hymnal #95

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, All that is ours is yours. Give us grace and boldness to care for all creation. Use our gifts to expand your kingdom and to be people of dominion, not domination over humanity and your creation. Multiply our time, talents, treasures and tithes in our actions and giving. Create in us a better way of stewardship! We praise you for all we have now and forever more. Amen.

## **\* Hymn**

*"The Trees of the Field", (sing 3x)*

Black Hymnal #2279

## **\* Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Pronouncement on *"Austria "*

-Joseph Haydn/L. Smith, arr.

## **Thank You To Our Worship Team**

**Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough

**Greeters:** Our Friends of CUMC

**Liturgist:** Kari Trench

**Music Leaders:** Organist - Sharon Ruhnke

Bell Choir - Karen Schneider

Music Director – Elaine Hill

**Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

# **NOTES**



## **Youth Speaker**

Our guest speaker from the Youth Speaker Bureau was cancelled due to the snow storm last Sunday and has been tentatively rescheduled for May 6th. Stay tuned for more details!

## **Confirmation Class Service Project**

Confirmation kids and families will meet today at **Faith United Methodist Church at 3pm**. They are going to prepare food which they will be serving at Simpson Shelter.

## **Fish Sandwich Luncheon**

Our Outreach and Missions team is hosting a fish luncheon that will be held during fellowship hour on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

## **Columbia Heights**

### **Community Prayer Breakfast**

You are invited to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday May 1, 2018, at 7:00am at Murzyn Hall. Individual tickets are \$20 each. If you are interested, please contact Mayor Donna Schmitt at (763) 706-3607.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our bible study "*Making Sense of the Bible*" led by Les Johnson will be wrapping up at the end of April. Anita Thompson will be leading a new study, "*Joy - Nine Fruits of the Spirit*" starting **Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Save the Dates!

We will be having our final meeting with Rev. Pat Hinker on **Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our District Superintendent, Dan Johnson, will be speaking as well. **It is very important that you are present.** Please mark it on your calendars and plan to join us.

## Art-A-Whirl

Community United Methodist Church will be hosting local artists Cate Vermeland, Raju Lamichhane, Mickey Strahan, and others for this year's event.

**Friday, May 18th - 5:00-10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 19th - Noon-8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 20th - Noon-5:00 p.m.**

Sign up to volunteer at church for this event to share in the fun, enjoy the art, and meet visitors. If you would like to participate as an artist or to volunteer, contact Lennis Bentrud.

# **Plant and Rummage Sale**

**May 10th, 11th & 12th**

The church needs your treasures, rummage, perennial plants, and your help. Items should be received by May 7th. Items that are needed include:

- Clean clothing – kids' clothes are always in demand
- Jewelry/linens - Books/Toys/ DVDs
- Furniture – pick up is available
- Lawn/garden items/tools - Holiday objects
- Kitchen utensils/dishes/pots & pans
- And any other miscellaneous sellable items.

The Bake Sale is always a sellout, so we will be asking for homemade goodies.

There will be sign-up sheets available for volunteers to help sort, set-up, and staff this event.

Sorry, but we will NOT accept TVs, Computers, Monitors, and large appliances.



**We will be accepting special offerings  
through the month of April.**

### Our Vision

We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive and welcoming Christian fellowship woven into the fabric of our community.

### Our Staff

Pastor	Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Karyn Naber
Music Director	Elaine Hill
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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