



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

Our Vision

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

Community UMC's Statement of Reconciliation:

Community United Methodist Church of Columbia Heights believes that we are all children of God, individuals of sacred worth, created in God's image with our many differences, and that God loves all people. We recognize that God's love is not limited by boundaries. Therefore, we welcome and affirm people of all ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, physical capabilities, or mental abilities.

We believe that prejudice, hatred, or discrimination directed toward any individual or group is contrary to the life, spirit, and teaching of Jesus Christ. We have vowed to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. Therefore, we shall work to eliminate prejudice and discriminatory practices within ourselves and our community, and to show God's grace.

We proclaim ourselves a Reconciling Congregation and welcome all who seek a relationship with God.

Adopted November 3, 2019

Our Staff

Pastor	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Music Director	Dan Ritter
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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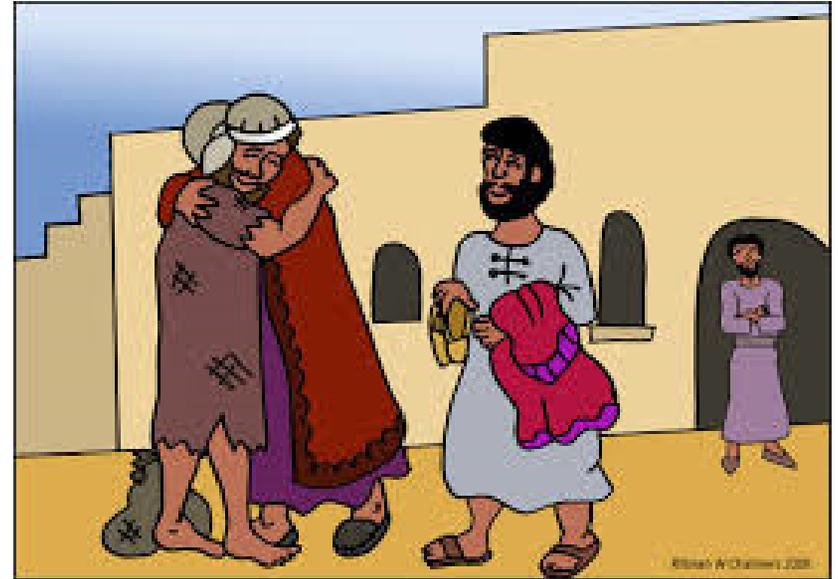
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March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent



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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 8, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday, March 9, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

- 7:00 p.m. Recovery Group

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

- 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper
- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2020

- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, March 15, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor:	Rev. Linda McCollough
Preacher:	Rev. Dennis Alexander
Greeter:	Jim Reinholdson
Liturgist:	Rod Bruns
Music Leaders:	Music Director – Dan Ritter Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Sound System:	Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Announcements

Upcoming Lenten Studies: (please sign up in the gathering area)

- 5:15 pm Soup Supper and 5:45 PM Book Study
John, The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton
- Lent: Wednesday Mornings
9:45 am Reckless Love Study

Seed Planting:

- March 16th

Movie Night: (Friday at 6:30 pm)

- March 27th: *The Angry Birds 2 Movie*

Easter Week Schedule:

- ✝ April 5 – Palm Sunday, worship with palms! 10am
- ✝ April 9 – Maundy Thursday service 7pm (with choir)
- ✝ April 10 – Good Friday service 7pm (with special music)
- ✝ April 12 – Easter – 8:30am Breakfast and 10am Worship

See the connection up close by volunteering at

GC2020: Volunteering at General Conference 2020 (May 5-15) will provide a tremendous opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up-close and extend hospitality to siblings in Christ from around the world. The Dakotas-Minnesota Host Team is looking for volunteers of all ages, interests, and abilities. The team's primary goal is to extend radical hospitality to guests so that they feel welcomed and safe, and can focus their full attention on participating in the gathering and discerning God's vision and direction for our denomination. Volunteer positions include airport and convention center greeters, hotel hosts, van drivers, information kiosk hosts, prayer room hosts, registration aides, and many more. <https://gc2020welcome.org/volunteers/> for more information.

Leader: Surrendering our life to Christ is the joyful willingness to be in constant conversation with a talkative, chatty and garrulous God.

People: Being a Christian is a matter of having one's life bent toward Jesus.

Call to Confession

I wish there was some wonderful place called "The Land of Beginning Again"; where all our mistakes and all our heartaches could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door and never be put on again! That place is here and the time is now – let's give Jesus that old coat and he will make it disappear forever.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you once said: "You don't love me as at first!" It's true. Over time, like sheep we wander; we stray; we lose focus, we become misdirected, we slowly nibbling ourselves lost. We follow other things. We become preoccupied by activities and things that often get us into trouble. We go down the wrong paths and bring about our own self-destruction. That once great Light within, that once feeling of Love and Grace has dimmed as we have paid more attention to other things that bring us temporary pleasure. We thought we could live well on our own, that we didn't need to stay in love with you. Now far away from home, we miss your presence, your loving arms, your reassuring voice – please forgive us! We want to turn around and come home again!

Words of Assurance

God's love for us never ceases nor does it ever fail. God is gracious and merciful, endlessly patient, and abounding in steadfast, willing to forgiving and pardon. There is far more mercy in God than sin in us! We are loved, forgiven and welcomed home!

Special Music "Great Is the Lord" Michael W. Smith
Soprano-Alto Choir

Children's Time

Children are invited to use the activity tables during the worship service

Gospel Luke 15:11-24 *(from the CEB)*

The words inspired by God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn** "Seek Ye First" Red Hymnal #405

Sermon "Stay In Love With God!" Rev. Dennis Alexander

* **Hymn** "The Summons" Black Hymnal #2130, v. 1, 2, 4

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895

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

Offertory "Elfin Dance" Edvard Grieg

Doxology Red Hymnal #95

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, these are gifts we offer for the transformation of the world. Gifts that will be spent on teaching each other about you, making