



**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

Lead Pastor	Pastor Riva Tabelisma
Teaching Pastor	Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud
Ministers	All the Congregation
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Community United Methodist Church

August 23, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Prayers for all of us during this time we are physically separated one from another.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"How Firm a Foundation"* arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Leader *We have virtually gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ! Each of us experiences faith and life in a unique way.*

People **Yet we have one God, one faith, and one baptism, and one Spirit who unites us all.**

Leader: *Let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer, and in listening for God's word.*

ALL: ***Even when we leave this virtual space, let us be joined in common concern for humanity, like that shown by Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Hymn #568 *"Christ for the World We Sing"*

- v. 1 Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
- v. 2 Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
- v. 3 Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
- v. 4 Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Opening Prayer

O Christ, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of your presence. Yet we confess that we sometimes hurt people through our pride, rather than showing the way to the healing waters of your Spirit. When we are discouraged ourselves, we are unable to be signs of joy or hope or good

news. Forgive us and give us grace to be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.

Children's Moment

Gift of Song *"View the Present through the Promise"* Thomas H. Troeger
Fred Carter, Soloist

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Meditation *"What's in a Name?"* Pastor Riva

Centering Meditation Pastor Nancy

Lord's Prayer

Our (Creator/God/Mother/Father*) in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Please use whichever name connects you deeply to the Divine.*

Hymn #2242 *"Walk with Me"*

refrain Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

v. 1 When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord, don't send me." But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free."

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v. 2 Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock; but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock.

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v. 3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more, and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door.

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v. 4 And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

refrain

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude *"March in C"*

Louis Lefébre-Wély

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastors: Pastor Riva Tabelisma

Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud

Music Leaders: Music Director – Dan Ritter

Singer – Fred Carter

Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

- ✠ We pray to be drawn into the widening and deepening life of God's mercy, which is for all (See Pastor Riva's sermon from last Sunday.)
- ✠ We are grateful for moments of beauty in these summer days.
- ✠ We join with the joy of Kristine and Ivan Rodriguez, and their son Ian, who are welcoming their new daughter (and sister), Iliana Margarette Maria Rodriguez, born on 8/14, currently in the NICU gaining strength. We hold in our hearts Iliana's birth parents, Ian's transition to being a big brother, and for Iliana's health and new home with Kristine and Ivan.
- ✠ We yearn for God's presence, as we continue to be church during this pandemic. While there are challenges around us, may we be transformed on the inside, with courage and patience.
- ✠ In our "great world house," we remember people in Iowa impacted by the devastating wind storms. For farm families who lost their crops, and for those still without electric power. We continue to pray for the MacCormack family, friends of Rondine Mehling, in Cedar Rapids, for their recovery of home, healing, safety and livelihood.
- ✠ Let us hold in our hearts the people, creatures and lands of California coping with fierce fires after the recent lightning-strike storms.
- ✠ We also pray for our United Methodist siblings in the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, as they mourn the loss of Bishop John Yambasu, in a car accident. We pray for comfort for his family, for the disciples of the whole Africa Central Conference, and the recovery of the driver of the Bishop's car, who is currently hospitalized.
- ✠ This coming week, we pray for the 166th MN Annual Conference to be held online next weekend. For Bishop Bruce Ough, our District Superintendent Rev. Dan Johnson, for all the delegates and our own delegates--Pastor Riva, Naomi Jones, James Broderick, and Pastor Nancy. For wise and careful decision making, clear insight and worship that calls us further into "Be the Light: Live Hope."
- ✠ We give thanks that we can love God's world and reach out in collaboration with the Columbia Heights Police Department in their Back-to-School gathering, this week. Inspire us to new ways of being in partnership with our neighbors.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study changes:

now at 9:30 am on the lawn. For more information, contact Pastor Nancy at nvictorinvangerud@hamline.edu.

Giving Options:

Electronic Giving has two options. One is using the app **Give+** on your smartphone (Android or iPhone), or via the church website. Check out the videos at: <https://communitymethodistchurch.org/online-giving/>.

Otherwise, mailing in a check works great (950 Gould Ave NE, Columbia Heights, 55421).