



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND **WITH GOD'S LOVE**

November 8, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Celebrating our Reconciling Anniversary

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

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Meditation *(Let us all be in silent meditation as the candles are lit)*

Prelude “You Are Mine” David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship Kathy and Blaine Johnson
(written by Susan Karamer, Shaping Sanctuary)

Voice 1: We believe in a sacred power within and around us—a divine spirit that we call by many names and experience in many ways—that empowers and heals—that calls us forth.

Voice 2: We believe in our creativity.

Voice 1: Making and transforming beauty out of words and notes, images and colors, lines and pictures—and silence.

Voice 2: We believe in doing justice.

Voice 1: Justice that compels and empowers us to risk whatever we must risk to create a climate in which all people can be who they are.

Voice 2: We believe in our dreams.

Voice 1: We experience the world as it is—in both its ugliness and beauty—and we see what it can become.

Voice 2: We believe in making peace.

Voice 1: A peace that is based on openness, honesty and compassion.

Voice 2: We believe in hope.

Voice 1: We expect changes to continue to occur in our world. We rely on our courage to continue to bring about these changes.

Voice 2: We believe in love.

Voice 1: A passionate love within and around us that laughs and cries, challenges and comforts, a healing love that perseveres.

Voice 2: We believe in potential.

Voice 1: We know who we are—painful as that can be at times—yet we continue to call each other to become more of who we are.

Voice 2: We believe in celebrating.

Voice 1: We remember and we commemorate. We create rituals. We play and dance and sing and love well.

Voice 2: We believe in our diversity.

Voice 1: We affirm our many shapes and sizes, colors and traditions emotions and thoughts, differences and similarities

Voice 2: We believe in life.

Voice 1: Life that wells up within and flows out of us like a streaming fountain.

Voice 2: We believe that we are good and holy—a sacred part of all creation.

Hymn #560*“Help Us Accept Each Other”*

- v. 1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- v. 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
- v. 3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.
- v. 4 Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Opening Prayer

Katherine Brown

(written by Bobbi Patterson, Shaping Sanctuary)

God, you have been our shelter from one generation to another, overarching sky, shading tree, deepest waters, pulsing veins. You have spread your vine widely bringing us a bounteous fruitfulness of care and nurture, fulfillment and peace. Grow in us that we may root ourselves in your visions of justice and mercy. Open our arms that we might lift another’s burdens speak through our mouths that we might comfort the afflicted urge our feet that we might march in solidarity with the wounded. Teach us to be the household of God, a people spreading out the everlasting branches of love. Amen.

Reconciling History and Statement***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***Gift of Song***“I Believe”*

Mark A. Miller

MethoDivas

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

Today, we give You thanks, Creating God, for the abundance of this season,
For its many colors, its many harvests--vegetables and fruit--even with the early snow,
For the dark soil of the land, for essential workers bringing farm to table,
For the warmth and safety of our hearths, as colder winds surround us.

Walk with us Creating God, as we experience the fullness and wholeness of our lives, living in your love.

Today, we give You thanks, O God of Beauty, for the abundance of the Reconciling Movement,
For its many congregations, communities, and campus ministries, throughout the world.

For the richness of reconciling conversations and reconciling relationships,

For we have learned--even through sorrow--to bind up the broken-hearted, with courage, and to extend the welcome that casts out fear.

Walk with us Holy Friend, as we continue to teach the institutional church what it means to know God's unconditional love.

Today, we give You thanks, Healing Christ, for the abundance of callings, even in these days when shadows ebb and flow,

For all that lies behind and all that lies ahead,

For the diversity of gifts among us, and the diversity of the challenges we can rise to,

For sisters, siblings and brothers, families we choose and those with our blood, we hold in our hearts those facing financial hardship, pre-existing conditions, anxiety and despair, eviction and displacement, rejection and harassment.

Walk with us, Healing Christ, help us to endure as people of hope, patience and generosity.

Today, we give You thanks, Spirit of Strength, for Your abundance of presence.

For all of those in whom your Breath is incarnate,

For those queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and non-binary members of your Body whose legacy has formed us, whose witness has empowered us, as we continue to be "good trouble" and refuse to surrender.

For your grace is sufficient for all things.

Walk with us Spirit of Strength, reminding us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus,

So may we join together with all hungry freedom-folk, as we pray the prayer God's the new kin-dom:

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.

Resources include:

Leland Spencer, <https://rmnetwork.org/a-reconciling-prayer-offor-thanksgiving/>

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr (1 John 4, Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr.; Leonard Cohen; Zechariah 9)

<https://rmnetwork.org/worship-resources-for-reconciling-communities/>

Coming up this week:

Sunday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Worship – Worship Broadcast (FB)
7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday School

Monday, November 11

6:00 p.m. Meditation on Lament (FB)

Tuesday, November 10

6:30 p.m. Core Leadership Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 11

9:30 a.m. Bible Study – John Wesley Room

Sunday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship – Worship Broadcast (FB)
11:00 a.m. Zoom Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday School

Tech support ministry: If you need help in checking out your electronic devices in order to participate in our virtual service, send us (office@communitymethodistchurch.org or leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org) a note and we can send someone to come check it out for you (following safety guidelines and protocol).

Emergency Phone Number: If you need to contact the pastors for an emergency that cannot wait until the office phone is checked, we have added an emergency phone number: 612-757-7115. This is a cell phone that goes to the pastor on call.

Gift Shop: If you wish to buy items from the church gift shop contact Pat Good (651-348-6688). These items can be picked up on Wednesday mornings at 11 A.M.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is meeting at 9:30 am indoors in the John Wesley Room, wearing masks and socially distancing in chairs. 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).



Our Vision

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

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Our Staff

Lead Pastor	Pastor Riva Tabelisma
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