



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

February 7, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Riva

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

Prelude

“Here’s One”

Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

People: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

People: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Hymn #569

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

*v. 1 We’ve a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

*Refrain For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*v. 2 We’ve a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and
sword.*

Refrain

*v. 3 We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.*

Refrain

*v. 4 We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the
truth of God.*

Refrain

Opening Prayer

Naomi Jones

Lord, here we stand with the whole city gathered at our door waiting for our Sunday celebrations to end, hoping that we will notice that there is a community outside these walls longing for healing, help and hope. As we rise from our knees, help us to worship and work with our eyes open. As we walk through these doors, remove the blinders from our hearts so that we might love and feel and even ache with our neighbors. When tomorrow comes, let worship continue to flow through our hands, testifying to your love and greatness.

ALL: Amen.

Children's Moment Jesus and Band-aids

Scripture Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV) Naomi Jones
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Gift of Song "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple
Stacy Johnson, soloist

Meditation "Where does our healing take us?" Pastor Riva

The Great Thanksgiving

The Social Creed (from the 2016 Book of Resolution)

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

Words of Institution

ALL: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (John Wesley's Covenant Prayer – Modern Version)

ALL: I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Offertory Music "Fix Me, Jesus" Spiritual/arr. John Carter

Offertory Prayer Pastor Riva

ALL: God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus' ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people's bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now

in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. This we pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Centering Meditation

Pastor Nancy

Lord's Prayer

Our (Creator/God/Mother/Father*) in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

Hymn #261

"Lord of the Dance"

v. 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

v. 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance
and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they come to me and the dance went on.

refrain

v. 3 I danced on the sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

refrain

v. 4 I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your
back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

refrain

v. 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

refrain

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude

"Toccata in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship Participants

Readers: Naomi Jones

Gift of Music: Stacy Johnson

Worship Team

Lead Pastor: Pastor Riva Tabelisma

Teaching Elder: Rev. Dr. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud

Music: Dan Ritter

Audio & Video Recording: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick/Les Johnson

Video Editing: James Bordewick/Riva Tabelisma

Centering Prayer

Gracious and merciful God,
We praise you, because your holy heart cries with joy
in the birth of every precious child,
We turn to you, because your hopeful heart holds steady
with so much loss in our world.
We listen for you, because your honest heart knows
the truth, that our lives are dependent on one another.
We pray, O God of compassion,
may our hearts soften to become like your heart
--holy, hopeful and honest.

God of compassion, hear our prayer.

This day, we listen for your Spirit groaning throughout
creation as your new world emerges
and your old world passes away.
But sometimes it is so hard to know, hard to look,
hard to find where your life is manifest.
What is happening in our world is so concerning!
We give thanks for the down-trending of the covid virus
in many communities.
But yet, what might the future be with new variants
and our ability to adapt?
What of the health disparities, doubts and
questions of access in communities of color
and vulnerable nations across the earth?
Help us to hear and respond with compassion
to the least of these, our sisters and brothers
and siblings.

God of compassion, hear our prayer!

Healing power of energy and life,
We are grateful for the recovery of loved ones and friends.
Yet we mourn with families, friends and partners
who have lost loved ones and now are extending their
grief towards safer times to gather.
We pray for people in confined situations--
those in care centers, shelters and prisons,
who feel anguish and fear.
For health workers and care staff who live with the stress and
strain of daily emergencies and prolonged work
schedules.
For families, students, teachers and school staff
who once again are adjusting in hope, but with trepidation.
For people facing the loss of homes and those living day to
day without safety and security.
Help us as we continue to practice safety measures,
whether we have had our vaccines or are waiting

patiently for the future.

We pray for our national leaders making decisions about relief and restoration so we can persevere through this health crisis.

God of compassion, hear our prayer!

God, you have blessed us with so much diversity in this world: diversity of people, of environments, of ways to be and interact with one another.

Yet, we so often turn away from this diversity. We hurt each other for being different and close ourselves off from new ideas and experiences.

Christ, we thank you for bringing us together to learn and share and for giving us the tools to work for unity and healing with justice.

By the Holy Spirit, please show us how to be open to the diversity around us.

Help us examine our biases and our privileges.

Help us show compassion and love to all of your people.

We thank you for stirring up your righteousness in our hearts.

May we continue to listen and learn.

Show us God, where to step up and be engaged.

God of compassion, hear our prayer!

And now we join together in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples as we speak these words for a new day:

Lord's Prayer

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Resources:

Melissa Trujillo and Becky Clark, participants in the Mountain Sky Conference (UMC) virtual journey of daily prayer, organized by Rev. Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen, Multicultural and Advocacy Ministries Developer, Mountain Sky Conference.

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.

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).

Coming up this week:

Sunday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 14

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

Ash Wednesday: We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We will safely do imposition of ashes in our parking lot from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be broadcast on our FaceBook page at 6 p.m.

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

Be part of the worship service: Email Pastor Riva: leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org for details.

Loving People and Planet in the Name of God: Engaging the Local Church:

5 part series Feb 28, Mar 4,7, 11, & 14 from 6-8 p.m. Central Time. Cost: \$15.

This workshop will prepare you to understand creation care and climate justice in the Wesleyan Tradition; to recognize environmental concerns and solutions; to incorporate creation care into your worship; and to exercise environmental stewardship in the life of your congregation and community. It will focus on practical approaches to greening your buildings, your grounds, your ministry, and your witness.

Five 2-Hour Sessions:

- Our Theological Grounding
- Climate Crisis and Creation Justice: Connecting the Dots
- God’s Good Gifts: Called as Stewards and Prophets
- What Can Churches Do?
- Your Green Team, Your Plan

The primary text will be *CLIMATE JUSTICE: A CALL TO HOPE AND ACTION* edited by Pat Watkins and used in the 2016 & 2017 United Methodist Women’s Mission U curricula. You may be able to borrow a copy from an attendee to Mission U. If not, provide your mailing address to bobdowns@sbcglobal.net no later than 15 Feb 2021 and we will send you a paperback copy. More information and a link to Register [Here](#).

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).



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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