



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

**March 28, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Welcome**

Pastor Riva

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

**Prelude** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 118:1-6 9 (adapted)*

Jessica Perez & family

*Leader: Hear the Call to Worship!*

*Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good!*

**Reader: God’s steady love will last forever!**

*Leader: When we are in distress, we call out to God!*

**Reader: God will answer and bring us through to a good place.**

*Leader: With God we will not fear, God is with us.*

**Reader: Let us trust God to bring us through to a safe place.**

*Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good!*

**Hymn #278** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

*Reader: Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang ; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

- v. 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- v. 2 From Olivet they followed mis an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
- v. 3 “Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**Opening Prayer**

Jessica Perez

*Reader: Please join me in prayer:*

*God, your call for love through the human heart emerged not by force but by the humble example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and follow him daily with their lives.*

**ALL: Amen.**

## Children's Moment

Pastor Nancy

**Gift of Song**      *"See the Savior Ride, on to Jerusalem"*  
Mixed Quartet

Patrick Liebergen

**Music**              *"Hosanna! (Jesus Christ Superstar)"*

Andrew Lloyd Weber/Tim Rice

**Scripture**              Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

Jessica Perez

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Music**              *"Hosanna! (Jesus Christ Superstar)"*

Andrew Lloyd Weber/Tim Rice

**Meditation**      *"Love is the Way : Jesus vs. Caesar--Whose God are We Serving?"*      Pastor Nancy

**Offertory Music**              *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

Hyfrydol/arr. Bradley Sowash

## Offertory Prayer

Pastor Nancy

Gracious and merciful God, the crowds offered Jesus their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honouring your presence. Today we honour you, God, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of commitment to the fruitfulness of your Beloved Community throughout Creation.

**All: Amen.**

## Centering Meditation

Pastor Riva

## 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 #2190**              *"Bring Forth the Kingdom"*

v. 1    You are the salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life for the Kingdom of God!

*Refrain:*    Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace:  
bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!

v. 2    You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God!

*Refrain:*

v. 3    You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seed of mercy and seeds of justice; grow in the Kingdom of God.

*Refrain:*

v. 4    We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God!

*Refrain:*

## Benediction

Pastor Riva

**Postlude**              *"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"*

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

### Worship Participants

**Readers:** Jessica Perez & family  
**Mixed Quartet:** Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench,  
 Les Johnson, James Bordewick

### 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

#### Worship Resources:

1. <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=76>
2. <https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2012/03/palm-sunday-offering-prayer.html>

## Centering Prayer

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotions of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us.

Gracious God, we confess that we have wasted opportunities to interrupt darkness. We are guilty of too often coming behind the tragedy and not crying out before the horror. We have cried much over caskets and not wept enough over wars. We have sent flowers for funerals and not enough for “just because” or to say, “I love you.” Teach us to intercede and be willing to interrupt when the warnings of death have reached our ears. Forgive us for giving our attention to smelling the roses for so long that we have lost the ability to prophetically smell the stench of death. We confess these transgressions in the name of the One who we ask to awaken us to the possibilities of interrupting injustice and not just participating postmortem.

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Source: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/rend-your-hearts-claiming-the-promise/palm-passion-sunday-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/palm-passion-sunday-year-b-liturgical-resources>

## Coming up this week:

### Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

- 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

### Tuesday, March 23

- 2:00 p.m. Eve Circle

### Wednesday, March 31

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

### Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. [Worship – Worship Broadcast \(FB\)](#)

### Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Columbia Heights Ministerium Service (link TBA)

### Sunday, April 4 - Easter

- 10:00 a.m. [Worship – Worship Broadcast \(FB\)](#)
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. pick up Easter Bags from parking lot

**March is Food Share Month:** Though the pandemic continues about us, the need for food continues. This year, bring your donations for SACA to the church parking lot entryway on Tuesdays, Wednesday, or Thursdays during March. We’ll make sure they get to SACA. Thank you for continuing your care of those around us.

**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](mailto:leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org) for details.

**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).

**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](mailto:office@communitymethodistchurch.org) or [leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org](mailto: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
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
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