



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

April 4, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Easter

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 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Robert Williams/ arr. James Mansfield
Sharon Ruhnke, piano; Dan Ritter, organ

Call to Worship Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench, Les Johnson, James Bordewick

Voice 1: Christ is risen!

All Voices: Christ is risen indeed!

Voice 2: Christ is risen!

All Voices: Christ is risen indeed!

Voice 3: Exhale. [pause] Go ahead, exhale. Breathe out. Let go. On this Easter Sunday, allow your souls to be replenished. Take in the joy. Take in peace. Take in the togetherness. Take what you need.

Voice 1: And wonder. Wonder, and imagine, and reflect, and question, and listen. Listen deeply to the words and the songs. Listen deeply to the Holy Spirit. And hear the words that God has for you.

Voice 4: We emerge from the long days of Lent, our journey through the wilderness. And we acknowledge that there is a darkness in this world that seems to loom. And we remember that nestled within the great mystery of the Resurrection is a great light. Search for that light, that hope on this day.

Voice 2: So, we come into this space, this sacred space, and we bring ourselves; our whole selves. We encourage you to embrace your body, and we invite you to use your body to give God a hand clap of praise, to sing, to jump around, to dance, to celebrate. And as we celebrate the Risen Savior, we invite you to bring your full selves into worship because Christ is risen!

All Voices: Christ is risen!

All Voices: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn #303 “The Day of Resurrection”

v. 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

v. 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;

and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

- v. 3 Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Opening Prayer

Fred Carter

Mary cried. She wept. She had the courage to cry. So, we can cry like Mary. Even on this Easter Sunday, we can cry like Mary. Crying is welcome here. In fact, we must cry. We must cry when we're hurting. We must cry with the missing. We must cry with the dead. We must cry with those who suffer. We must cry with the marginalized, the silenced, and the forgotten. We must cry with those who lack bread. We must cry. Crying is welcome here. If we don't cry, if we don't cry out, if we try too hard to be strong for too long, if we don't release the pain, we will hurt only ourselves. We must cry. How else will we be able to see our need for the Resurrected Savior in our midst? Crying is welcome here. Amen.

Children's Moment

Pastor Riva

Scripture

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Fred Carter

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Gift of Song

"Alleluia! He Is Risen!"
Mixed Quartet

Don Besig, Nancy Price

Meditation

Pastor Riva

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.

Centering Prayer

Gracious and most merciful God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit

In your circle of love, we receive our lives fulfilled whole and in community with all creation. For you breathed across the face of the deep and life emerged. You liberated us from the weight of slavery and suffering, You called us by name and transformed our lives so now nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus-- even death itself.

God of the open table, open door and open tomb,

We continue to cry Hosanna, Hosanna. Holy God, save us. Empower us to face the violence and hatred deep within the tombs of our hearts, that we may break free from how biases and prejudices have shaped us. Open our eyes to the reality of people persecuted daily by racism, some fearful of even walking down the street, even facing death. Help us to recognize our own complicity and then turn our contrition into positive action for love and justice.

This morning we pray for Asian American and Pacific Islander peoples bringing their stories and voices to light as part of the American story.

We pray for our cities and the day to day testimonies in the trial of Derek Chauvin.

May justice, hope, and transformation be at work in the lives of all those involved and those listening and watching, that George Floyd's death may not be in vain.

God, this Easter day, when we find all our expectations overturned, we recognize how close we are to both life and death, in that for many of us, we are grateful for covid vaccines yet many of us continue to wait, week by week until we too can gain immunity. We pray for parents and grandparents now fearful for the lives of their children and grandchildren.

We pray for members of our community recovering from illness and we grieve with families by the bedside of beloved members who are breathing their last breaths.

The recent losses of lives within our congregation continue to weigh upon our hearts as we persevere until a safer time to gather in the fullness of our community. May our daily memories of them continue to sustain us, as we celebrate the gifts of their lives.

- At this time we especially pray for Shirley Fenn in hospice, and her family;
- For Pat Good and her family in their mourning of Gary Good.
- For Marilyn Meixner and her family in their mourning of Dick Meixner,
- And the family of Nancy French, who continue to mourn their loss.

God of all creation, we give thanks this day for your embrace of our lives, for the dignity that you bestow, how you make all things new, even this day.

So as we walk this Lenten journey, now into the joy of Christ's resurrection, let us pray the prayer he taught his disciples:

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.

Worship Participants

Readers: Fred Carter, Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench,
Les Johnson, James Bordewick

Gift of Song: Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench,
Les Johnson, James Bordewick

Piano: Sharon Ruhnke

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

Coming up this week:

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

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Potting Party (Social Hall)

Wednesday, April 7

11:30 a.m. UMW Exec – John Wesley Room

Friday, April 9 – Good Friday

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga – John Wesley Room

Noon [Columbia Heights Ministerium Interdenominational Good Friday Service](#)

Sunday, April 11

10:00 a.m. [Annual Conference Worship Service \(FB\)](#)

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.

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 or leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org) a note and we can send someone to come check it out for you (following safety guidelines and protocol).



A LILY HAS BEEN ORDERED

IN MEMORY OF:

Ed and Jean Gallus
Brother, Marshall
Uncle, Marshall
Wife, Dolores M. Hentges
Daniel Konold
Sharon Forga

Sidney and Clara Evers
George Jr. and Rozella Bruns

IN HONOR OF:

Tamra, Mario, Dana and Karl
Dortha Trench

Anna Lexvold

Frank and Ardy Rennaker

GIVEN BY:

Wigert Family
Veronica Johnson
Stacy Johnson
James R. Hentges
Edison and Ashley Konold
Mike, Mikey, Angela, Gavin, and
Nevada Forga
Rod and Sylvia Bruns and Family
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GIVEN BY:

Bill and Karen Schneider
Granddaughters, Erin and
Megan Trench
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Randy Rennaker



DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY DINNER

IN MEMORY OF:

Ed and Jean Gallus
Brother, Marshall
Father, Carl Anderson,
Mother, Noranda Anderson and
Brother, Randy Anderson
Randy Anderson
Gordon Bixler, Sr.

GIVEN BY:

LeBlanc Family
Veronica Johnson
Faythe Anderson

Joanie Anderson
Joan Bixler

IN HONOR OF:

Our Family
Grandchildren, Evan, Nathan,
Avery and Ana
Nieces and Nephew, Jessica,
Chloe, Logan Perez and Mallery
Mueller

GIVEN BY:

Rod and Sylvia Bruns
Bill and Karen Schneider

Faythe Anderson



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
Music Director	Dan Ritter
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