



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

Pastor	Pastor Riva Tabelisma
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Music Director	Dan Ritter
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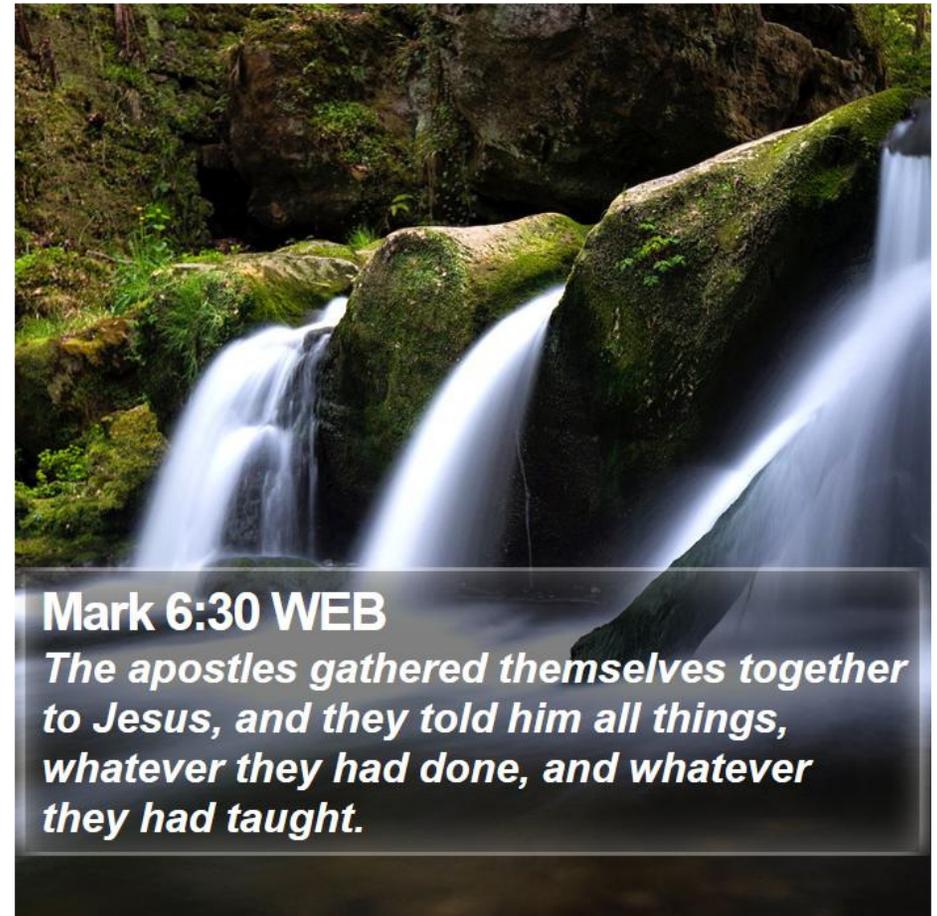
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July 18, 2021



Mark 6:30 WEB

The apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught.



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

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Community United Methodist Church

July 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

** indicates please rise in body or spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Riva

Silent Meditation

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

Prelude “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Will L. Thompson/arr. Michael Hassell

* Call to Worship

James Bordewick

Leader: You have heard the Word of the Lord. Before you reenter the space where crowds are waiting on the other side of screams for your responses, and others are hungering for your compassion, take a moment to be in conversation with the Lord about what you may need to tend to and what you need to rest from.

People: Lord, you are our shepherd, lead our hearts and our steps.

Leader: Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.

People: Lord, we have heard you and we will do what you have put in our minds.

* Hymn UMH#277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Opening Prayer

James Bordewick

Leader: God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests. You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family. You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom. God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us that when we offer

Announcements:

Next Community Meal: July 26 from 5:30 – 6:30. We are still doing this as pick-up the meal from the church parking lot. Thank you for all your help. As we continue, we now need more help and menus. If you can help on Sunday afternoon with preparing parts of the meal or Monday morning call Anna. You may also offer to donate or make a bread or dessert or part of it such as 2 batches of cookies. You can also come in to bag small items such as cookies or veggies. Suggestions are welcome.

Wednesday Bible Study Update: The Wednesday Bible Study group is using from the Upper Room. Check with one of these members of the group for summer plans--Veronica Johnson, Anna Lexvold, or Anita Thompson. Thank you!

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).

Emergency Phone Number: If you need to contact Pastor Riva 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.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 18

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship on the lawn

Wednesday, July 21

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

Friday, July 23

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

Sunday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship on the lawn

Monday, July 26

5:30 p.m. Community Meal (drive-thru pick up in parking lot)

National Night Out is Back!: CUMC will again be hosting a National Night Out Party on August 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be Music, Fun and Food. The Police and Fire Department will stop by for conversation. World Beat Connection (Lyndy's band) will provide the music. There will be a Bean Bag toss game and Andy Bixler will have wrestling belts on display and will take folks pictures. He said he has some new ones, so check them out. We will serve sandwiches, chips, Dilly Bars courtesy of DQ, drinks and popcorn.

To make it a success we need help with set-up, serving, and clean up. If you can help, please contact Mary Tholkes at marytholkes@gmail.com or 763-202-0796 or Veronica Johnson at veronicajj@aol.com and let us know how you would like to help. This is our biggest opportunity of the year to meet and greet our neighbors so please make plans now to attend this fun event.

hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love. We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor. We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all.

ALL: Amen.

Children's Moment *We are still biking* Pastor Riva

Scripture Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NRSV) James Bordewick
Leader: These are the words inspired by God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Gift of Music “*I Need Thee Every Hour*” Robert Lowry/arr. Lori Line
Anita Thompson, pianist

Meditation *Do we have time for compassion?* Pastor Riva

Offertory Music “*Butterfly*” Edvard Grieg

*** Offertory Prayer** **All** (Liturgist and People)

Leader: Holy God, you love us so deeply that you pursue us relentlessly. You sent your son Jesus into the world that we who were far off would be brought near to you by his blood. We offer our gifts to you, knowing we can never outgive you, never balance the equation. You don't desire balance, no quid-pro-quo, only that we find the peace you desire for us, whose foundation is in your word and whose cornerstone is Christ alone. In that holy name, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Pastoral Meditation

Pastor: God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests.

You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family. You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom. God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the kin-dom of God. Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ

into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love. We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor. We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all.

Gracious God, we come before you on behalf of the people who work hard and do not have regular rest from their labor.

For those who work for inadequate wages and without proper benefits:

Response: Hear their cries.

Pastor: For your people who work for Sabbath violators, slave masters, and in sweat shop conditions:

Response: Hear their cries.

Pastor: For those who work for modern-day sharecroppers who steal what they have rightly earned:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those for whom home is a place of work without celebration and appreciation:

Response: Lord, give them rest.

Pastor: Deliverer from slave labor, we ask that you lead your people to places of rest and restoration for their bodies, minds, and souls.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pastor: In the name of the Christ who taught this prayer to his disciples and to us...

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 UMH#492** *"Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"*

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude

"Rondeau"

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Worship Participants

Reader: James Bordewick

Gift of Music: Anita Thompson

Worship Team

Pastor: Pastor Riva Tabelisma

Music Director: Dan Ritter

Tech & Video Recording: James Bordewick, Les Johnson,
Andy Bixler