

\* Hymn UMH #496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude

"Chaconne"

Auguste Durand

### Worship Participants

**Preacher:** Anita Thompson, Certified Lay Speaker

**Reader:** Sharon Ruhnke

**Music:** Sharon Ruhnke

### Worship Team

**Pastor:** Pastor Riva Tabelisma

**Music Director:** Dan Ritter

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

### Lectionary Passages for the Week of September 26<sup>th</sup>:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

September 26, 2021



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# Community United Methodist Church

September 26, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

**Eighteenth 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 “Song Without Words, op. 38, #6” Felix Mendelssohn

## \* Call to Worship

Sharon Ruhnke

Leader: *Are any among you suffering?*

People: **Then let us pray.**

Leader: *Are any cheerful?*

People: **Then let us sing songs of praise.**

Leader: *Are any among you sick?*

People: **Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.**

Leader: *The prayer of faith will save us*

People: **And God will lift us up.**

ALL: **Amen**

\* Hymn UMH#492 “Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire”

## Opening Prayer

Sharon Ruhnke

ALL: **We praise you, O God, for though you do as you please, your pleasure is justice with compassion.**

**We worship you, O God, for though you choose your servants as you wish, you elect people who are called to serve all in obedience to you. We are awed by the powers of nature but assured that there is no force or being that can overpower you. We are most grateful that you make yourself known to us through the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ, our Leader and Friend. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*God is my healer*

Pastor Riva

James 5:13-20

Scripture James 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Sharon Ruhnke

Leader: *These are the words inspired by God for the people of God.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem “Praise to God, Immortal Praise!”

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Choir

Meditation

*Big Little Prayer*

Anita Thompson

Certified Lay Speaker

Offertory Music

*“How Can I Keep from Singing?”*

Robert Lowry/arr. Howard Helvey

## \* Offertory Prayer

ALL: **God of the beginning, God of now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and powerful invitation – to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear. As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy, and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not done until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

## Pastoral Meditation

### 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.*



## 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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## This Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, September 26**

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)

### **Monday, September 27**

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

### **Tuesday, September 28**

2:00 p.m. Eve Circle – Anna's

### **Wednesday, September 29**

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

### **Friday, October 1**

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

### **Sunday, October 3 – World Communion Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)

### **Venuto al pranzo del lasagna**

Come to the lasagna dinner!

CUMC will be hosting our annual Lasagna Dinner again this year. It will be a drive Up and Take Out Dinner.

The Lasagna Dinner will be held on Saturday, OCTOBER 16th from 4:30-6:30 PM and, as in the past two years, our own super chefs, Bill and helpers will be making the delicious Lasagnas, which will include the choices of a Meat sauce, Vegetarian or Gluten Free.

The meal consists of Garlic Bread, Lasagna, Salad and Dessert. Cost is \$10.00

We will need help for a chop night, help setting up orders and running. This will be done with a minimum of 5 or 6 volunteers in the church at one time and masks at all times.

All orders for meals need to be in by Monday, October 11. Call Mary at 763 202 0796 or check the church website:

[www.communitymethodistchurch.org](http://www.communitymethodistchurch.org).

UMW hopes that you can make it. The proceeds will help fund our very important Mission Work

## Centering Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who has rescued us from those who would destroy us. Your power and might are great, and your mercy is poured out on us whom you love. Our help is in your blessed Name, O you who have made heaven and earth.

We have been entrusted with the way of life, for your Word has dwelt among us. But we become so puffed up with our own importance that we ignore the simplest acts of mercy. You have called us to be like salt, adding flavor to life. Yet we lose our sense of mission and cease to be all you have called us to be. Deliver us from judgement and forgive our sin that we may live forever in your presence and sing your praises for eternity.

By the gift of your Spirit, help us to see that we share your task of evangelism with many people from many different places. May our work be done for the common purpose of spreading the gospel of Christ.

We live up before you this day our brothers and sisters who are in distress. By the ministry of the laying-on-of-hands and anointing and prayer, we have confidence that, as your will directs, you will deliver them from evil, preserve them in all goodness, and bring them to everlasting life.

O God, turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday. Hear and answer us, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught his disciples and us this prayer...

## Announcements:

**Next Community Meal:** September 27 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:** The Wednesday morning Bible Study group is now using the Upper Room's Wednesday devotional plan as a way to listen to God and to each other. Feel free to attend whenever you can, as each session is stand-alone. Contact persons for the summer are Anna Lexvold and Anita Thompson.

### 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.