



**COMMUNITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH. GROW. SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

### ***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	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
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Music Director	Dan Ritter
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## **Community United Methodist Church**

**April 12, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* arr. Wilbur Held

### **Opening Prayer**

**Jesus is Risen. Jesus is Risen Indeed!**

**O God, we join in the excitement of the people rejoicing with the arrival of Jesus and our time that begins anew. May our hearts be filled with joy, may our spirits be overwhelmed with possibilities, and may our minds be prepared for the leading of a King! As we are in this time of logistical differences, we are still united as One in the Spirit and One Church. Let us worship this morning with the Holy Spirit's presence and the hopes tied to the King of Kings, leading us triumphantly to new beginnings. May it be so! Amen.**

**Hymn #302** *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

- v. 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- v. 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- v. 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

**Scripture** John 20:1-18 *(from the CEB)*

The words inspired by God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** *"Arise!"*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn #304** *"Easter People Raise Your Voices"*

- v. 1 Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
- v. 2 Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us  
to triumph over every foe  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
- v. 3 Every day to us is Easter  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* arr. Robert A. Hobby

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**Thank you to our Worship Team**

**Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough  
**Music Leaders:** Music Director – Dan Ritter

**Our Weekly Prayers:**

- ✠ Please continue to pray for our friends and families: Virgil, Jody, Wyatt, Vera, Bill, Mandy, Bob, Taylor, Mike, Jill, Donna, Marlene, Shirley, Jane. God in your mercies.
  - ✠ Prayers for our congregation as we seek God's guidance in our future. Prayers for our leaders who are guiding us. Thanks be to God and God in your mercies.
  - ✠ Prayers for our community and cities with the influx of coronavirus and influenza. Prayer for our medical workers that are coping and dealing with these things.
  - ✠ Prayers for families, workers, churches and businesses coping with ever shifting new normals.
  - ✠ Prayers for our congregation members that are feeling isolated. We are trying to make phone calls, texts or emails to keep everyone connected. If you are not feeling the support you need, please call Pastor Linda.
  - ✠ Prayers for our community to follow the stay home MN guidelines and not be a risk.
  - ✠ Prayers for our Holy Week, it will look and be different than ever before. However, the Holy Spirit is with each of us in this time, may we sense that in our season of Covid and the Holy Week.
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**Meals on Wheels:** We are doing Meals on Wheels April 27 thru May 1st. The drivers will be delivering to the people. But the meals will be hung on the doorknobs preventing any contact with anyone. Please contact Rod (612-599-6215) or Sylvia (612-599-7046) to help.