



**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
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Music Director	Dan Ritter
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## **Community United Methodist Church**

**May 17, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**      *"Nocturne in D-flat, op. 27-2"*

Frederic Chopin

### **Opening Prayer**

*adapted from Psalm 66*

**O God, bless all of your nations, let them bless you!  
Let the sound of God's praise be heard. God has  
preserved us among the living; God didn't let our  
feet slip a bit. God, you brought us our freedom.  
We share in burned offerings, our promises to you,  
reaching out to you now, O God. Come close and  
listen, all you who honor God; I will tell you what  
God has done for us. We share what God has done  
for us. Help us remove evil from our hearts and  
minds, hear our prayers. Hear our prayers. Hear  
our prayers. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #645**      *"O Perfect Love"*

- v. 1 O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
whom thou forevermore dost join in one.
- v. 2 O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance  
of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
with childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

**Scripture**      John 14:15-21

*(from the CEB)*

**Meditation**      *"If you love me..."*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Hymn #2223 *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

v. 1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*Refrain:* And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love;  
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

v. 2 We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our  
land:

*Refrain:* And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love;  
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## Children's Moment

## Benediction

Postlude *"Fanfare"* Jacques Lemmens

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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, Jill, Donna, 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. 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 congregation to maintain what it needs to remain healthy.
  - ✠ Prayers for our new pastors in preparation for this time in ministry.
  - ✠ Prayers continue for Veronica's dear friend Vernetta. She's in a rehab now at North Ridge. Prayers as she rehabs. She now has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - ✠ Prayers for all as the state begins reopening.
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**Plant Sale Thanks:** A big thank you to the workers at the Plant Sale: Barb Miller, Anna Lexvold, Lennis Bentrud, Kari Tholkes, and Naomi Jones. Thank you to Rondine Mehling, Pastor Linda and Martha Bentley for help in publicity and Bill Burton for table set up and clean up along with my grand children Tori and Alec Tholkes who helped in clean-up. *Mary Tholkes*

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