



**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
Ministers All the Congregation
Office Manager Martha Bentley
Music Director Dan Ritter
Bell Choir Director Karen Schneider

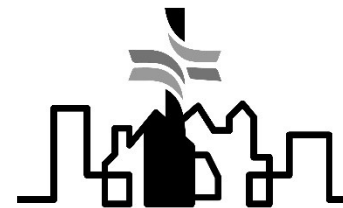
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Community United Methodist Church

June 21, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*"If we have no peace, we have forgotten that we belong to each other!"
-Mother Teresa*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Abide with Me"

William H. Monk/arr. Mark Hayes

Reading

An old rabbi once asked his students how one could recognize the time when night ends and day begins. One student asked: "Is it when, from a great distance you can tell a dog from a sheep?" "No," said the rabbi. Another student asked: "Is it when, from a great distance you can tell a date palm from a fig tree?" "No," said the rabbi. "Then when is it" the students asked. The rabbi responded: "It is when you look into the face of any human creature and see there your brother or your sister; until then, the long night is still with us."

Call to Worship

One: May we summon the presence of the One who created us all as sisters and brother's one to another.

All: In catching a glimpse of the Eternal, may we find that same spirit living within each of us.

One: May we know the unconditional love of God for us that we may become love for one another.

All: For we swim in a sea of grace – unlimited, unrestricted, and freely available to all.

Our Weekly Prayers:

- ✠ Please continue to pray for our friends and families: Virgil, Jody, Wyatt, Vera, Bill, Mandy, Bob, Jill, Donna, Shirley, Jane, Vernetta. 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.
- ✠ Prayers for our new pastors in preparation for this time in ministry.
- ✠ Prayers for our state and country as we address changes and racism.
- ✠ Prayers for Jane Johnson, who is in the hospital.

Election Judges needed! For both the August 11th Primary and November 3rd General elections, the Columbia Heights is in need of more election judges. Election judges serve as the officials in the polling places on Election Day. Some duties include opening and closing the polls, registering and signing in voters, and distributing and collecting ballots. Election judges are currently paid \$11 per hour. You may even consider asking your members if they would consider donating any earnings that they make as an election judge to your church.. Here is a link to more information on being an election judge - www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/electionjudge. Election Judges for Columbia Heights do not have to be residents of the City.

Electronic Giving is now available. There are 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/>.

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Dennis Alexander
Reader: Rod Bruns
Music Leader: Music Director – Dan Ritter
Song Leader – Naomi Jones

One: As with Christ, ours is the quest for the common good:

All: To build a just and loving society, to be a friend of life, a defender of the poor and vulnerable.

One: As with Christ, we seek to do this with non-violence, with passive resistance and non-cooperation with evil.

Hymn #152 *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

- v. 1 I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.
- v. 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!
- v. 3 There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in they care;
and everywhere that we can be,
God, is present there.

Scripture Romans 12:9-21 *(from the Message)*

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it.

Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.

Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame.

Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant.

Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help the needy; be inventive in hospitality.

Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath.

Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down.

Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone.

If you've got it in you, get along with everybody.

Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness.

Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Sermon *"Finding Strength in Uncertain Times"*
Rev. Dennis Alexander

Hymn #428 *"For the Healing of the Nations"*

v. 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

v. 2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how, through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.

v. 3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

v. 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

May the blessing of God, fountain of living water flow within us as a river of life, May we drink deep of her wisdom. May we never thirst again. May we go through life refreshing many, as a sign of healing for all; Through the One who is our peace and life eternal, Indeed Our Creator, Redeemer and Constant Presence Among us! Amen!

Postlude *"For the Healing of the Nations"*
arr. John Hughes