



**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***

Lead Pastor	Pastor Riva Tabelisma
Teaching Pastor	Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Music Director	Dan Ritter
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# Community United Methodist Church

July 12, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *"We Are Often Tossed and Driven"* arr. Bradley Sowash

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We are here because we heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**People:** **We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

**Leader:** We are here because we want to be God's people.

**People:** **We want to learn more about what it means to be people of God.**

**Leader:** We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**All:** ***Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this virtual holy space as true disciples of Christ. Amen.***

## **Hymn #600** *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

v. 1 Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and beauty.

*Refrain:* Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

v. 2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

*Refrain:*

v. 3 Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only savior, sanctify forever.

*Refrain:*

## **Opening Prayer**

**Open our eyes of faith, O God, for we have failed to see the evidences of your handiwork, and we have missed your**

glory. Help us to see the light in our darkness, the beauty which transcends ugliness, the flower on the garbage heap, the brother within each neighbor, the Eternal entering time, and your kingdom close at hand. Help us to look honestly at ourselves and at the idols we worship, that we may see ourselves and our chosen values for what they are. Bless this time of quiet, reflection, prayer, and praise, that it may be a time of commitment to you through Jesus Christ our sibling. Amen.

## Children's Moment

**Scripture** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (from NRSV)  
The words inspired by God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** "In farming and in faith"

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud

**Lord's Prayer** Red Hymnal #895  
**Our (Creator/God /Father/Mother\*), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**  
*\*please use whichever name you find meaningful.*

**Hymn #2050** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"  
v. 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every  
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
v. 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.  
v. 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me  
close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

## Benediction

**Postlude** "Prelude in D" Marc-Antoine Charpentier

## Thank you to our Worship Team

**Pastors:** Rev. Riva Tabelisma  
Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud  
**Music Leaders:** Music Director – Dan Ritter  
**Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

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## Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

- † We pray that our hearts may be open to living with "childlikeness" freedom (see Pastor Riva's sermon last Sunday).
  - † We pray for courage and hope in living as the *diaspora*--the "church scattered"--during these challenging, unknown days. Encourage us to seek new ways of being in touch and caring for one another, as we embody our faith with the people around us and in our communities.
  - † Help us in our adaptation to new measures of physical distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and using sanitizers, so that we feel safe, and the threat of COVID19 mitigated as best we can.
  - † We give thanks for essential workers who continue to sustain our lives, hospitals, transportation, public safety, schools, groceries, farms, cleaning services, and more.
  - † Let us remember persons facing surgery, intensive-care treatment and long-term illnesses, for their health, healing and wellbeing.
  - † We remember those who are living in assisted-living residences and nursing homes, and feeling vulnerable.
  - † We pray for the winds of God's Spirit calling our congregation to follow Jesus as we continue our journey of transformation and discipleship.
  - † We remember and reach out to persons feeling alone, isolated and disconnected from community, church and family.
  - † We pray that we may listen deeply and non-defensively to persons giving voice to the pain of racism, exclusion, and violence. May we open our hearts and minds to learning about and practicing anti-racism in our daily lives.
  - † We pray that we may be attuned to people feeling the stress of economic loss, unemployment and lack of resources.
  - † We give thanks for our congregation, as we continue to support one another as sisters, brothers, and siblings--all God's Beloved.
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