



**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 26, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Simple Gifts” *Shaker Melody* arr. Joseph Martin

Call to Worship Adapted Ps. 105 Pastor Nancy

Leader: Give thanks to God, the Faithful One. Let us call upon God's name today!

People: We will make known God's faithfulness within our communities and creation.

Leader: Seek God and find strength and courage in God.

People: God holds true and fast to the covenant with our ancestors, forever.

All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and voices!

Hymn #60 “I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath”

v. 1 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

v. 2 Happy are they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky and earth and seas, with all their train; whose truth for ever stands secure, who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor, for none shall find God's promise vain.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Nancy

All: Gracious and loving God, We open our hearts and minds this day, that our lives may become living parables. May this congregation become good soil for good seeds. May our collective mission be like bread dough rising to sustain others. May the gifts of compassion that you will for us be as treasured pearls. As these metaphors of transformation clue us to your presence, we pray that we may learn to see and hear, feel and know your Beloved Community emerging in our midst. In the name of Jesus and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moment

Pastor Nancy

Hebrew Bible reading Genesis 29: 15-28 (NRSV)

Special Music "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"

Kari Trench, Soloist arr.. Mary Bryan Matney/Sally Ann Morris

New Testament reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46 (NRSV)

Meditation "Maya's Treasure" Pastor Nancy

Centering Prayer Pastor Riva

Lord's Prayer Pastor Riva

Our (Creator/God /Mother/Father*), in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

**please use whichever name you find meaningful.*

Hymn #2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- v. 1 I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
- v. 2 I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
- v. 3 I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude "Perpetual Motion" Carl Maria von Weber

Thank you to our Worship Team

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

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

- ✠ We pray for our hearts to be the growing place for wheat rather than weeds (see Pastor Riva's sermon from last week).
- ✠ We pray in openness for God's Spirit to breakthrough our fears, resistance and hopelessness as we risk new ministries.
- ✠ Help us adapt to new practices of physical distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and using sanitizers, so that we and others may feel safe.
- ✠ We give thanks for leaders on the CORE Team, developing guidelines for small group meetings and protecting our safety.
- ✠ We give thanks for the Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) Food Shelf, the Columbia Heights Community Garden, and Meals on Wheels volunteers continuing to serve and care.
- ✠ May we learn skills to listen deeply and non-defensively to neighbors of color, and vulnerable others, giving voice to the pain of racism, exclusion, and violence.
- ✠ May we remember persons facing surgery, intensive-care treatment and long-term illnesses, for their wellbeing and healing.
- ✠ Encourage us to reach out in support to teachers, parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and youth who are anticipating decisions about the new school year.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study changes:

now at 9:30 am on the lawn. For more information, contact Pastor Nancy at nvictorinvangerud@hamline.edu.

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