



**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
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Community United Methodist Church

August 9, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Come, Ye Disconsolate"* arr. Bradley Sowash

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.

Leader: Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

People: Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.

Leader: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

People: Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.

Hymn #129 *"Give to the Wind Thy Fears"*

- v. 1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.
- v. 2 Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way; wait thou God's time;
so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
- v. 3 Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to
command; so shalt thou, wondering, own the way,
how wise, how strong this hand.
- v. 4 Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

Opening Prayer

We come before you, O God, bringing our intentions and hopes; bringing too our doubts and fears; bringing as our overriding prayers the wants and the desires that we can never put aside for long. Take us as we are, dear God, and help us in the act of worship to be honest, with ourselves; to put aside our virtuous pretensions and to know for certain that your love for us expressed through Jesus Christ

will more than make up for our faults if only we will stop pretending and let you use us as you will and not as we decide may be convenient. Amen.

Children's Moment

Gift of Song *"God Will Take Care of You"* Martin/Martin
Naomi Jones, Soloist

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Meditation *"It's going to be okay...is it?"* Pastor Riva

Centering Prayer Pastor Nancy

Lord's Prayer

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 connects you deeply to the Divine.*

Hymn #2218 *"You Are Mine"*

v. 1 I will come to you in silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know that I am here.

v. 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in me.

Refrain Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

v. 3 I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.

Refrain

v. 4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live!

Refrain

Benediction Pastor Riva

Postlude *"Festal Song"* arr. William H. Walter

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastors: Rev. Riva Tabelisma

Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud

Music Leaders: Music Director – Dan Ritter

Singer – Naomi Jones

Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

- ✠ May we open our hearts to the widening wisdom of God's Holy Spirit in creating open places at the tables of our congregational and community life. (see Pastor Riva's sermon from last week).
- ✠ We give thanks for the moments of beauty in these summer days--brilliant flowers by sidewalks, goldfinches and monarchs winging in air, gifts of tomatoes and cucumbers, and the voices of all ages playing together.
- ✠ We confess that too often we start the day with good intent, but the impact of what we do and say complicates and even hurts others and ourselves as well. Enliven us to seek forgiveness from those we have hurt, and help us make amends.
- ✠ We pray for divine grace as we continue to be church in this pandemic, recognizing our grief, even anger, yet finding kindness and goodwill instead of complaints, for our fellow members in ministry. Inspire us as Community church-in-the-world as we grow new relationships with our neighbors.
- ✠ Help us see the common good as we wear facial coverings and keep physical distance. We acknowledge how hard these days can be for our mental health, chronic conditions, addictions, and aloneness. We pray for those missing hugs, a tender smile, and friendly companionship. May we be sensitive to others' wellbeing, while also learning new ways to care for ourselves.
- ✠ We remember in our prayers beloved ones facing surgery, medical tests, and extended recovery. We hold in our hearts members of our congregation grieving the loss of spouses, partners, and family members. Especially we pray for Merle Jacobson and his family as they grieve the loss of Merle's and Kay's great-grandson, Gabriel.
- ✠ We pray for civic leaders and volunteers in Columbia Heights and beyond, who are organizing for voter engagement, registration and polling. May we live from the deep well of peace rather than triggered by fear and mistrust, as we lean into our civic responsibilities at this election time.
- ✠ In our "great world house," (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) we pray for people and nations coping with surging storms, floods, and overwhelmed healthcare systems--for the people of Bangladesh, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and states along the Atlantic coast.
- ✠ We also lift up the tragic losses from the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon--for families grieving loved ones, healing of the injured, sheltering of those without homes and shops, and humanitarian efforts in response.

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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