



**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 September 13, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*
Sebastian Temple/arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Leader: A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's Word.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.

Hymn #560 *"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

- v. 1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- v. 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
- v. 3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
- v. 4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Opening Prayer

O God, you have spoken to men and women of old through dreams and visions, yet we confess that we seek to rely on reason and tradition alone. Fill us with vision, lead us into the future, and enable us to grow toward a deeper understanding of your nature, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Moment

Gift of Song

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

Meditation *"Forgiven, therefore Forgive"* Pastor Riva

Centering Meditation 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 #2171 *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

- v. 1 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- v. 2 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- v. 3 O Master, grant that I may never seek so much be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- v. 4 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction Pastor Riva

Postlude *"Butterfly Etude"* Frédéric Chopin

Thank you to our Worship Team

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

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

Gracious God, we seek to learn what it truly means to be a real church in ministry with a real world (see Pastor Riva's sermon from last Sunday).

- ✠ For new vision and justice beyond the deep divisions and polarization in our nation, even in our relationships.
- ✠ For courage and hope in our cities' leaders for equity, restoration and reimaging our civic life so all residents feel recognized and welcome to participate.
- ✠ Moments of beauty--glints of red, yellow and gold in the leaves, mums beckoning with rusty and plum colours, the taste of fresh apples, and smiling children in first-day-going-to-school photos.
- ✠ For people struggling to maintain their work in safe and healthy conditions.
- ✠ For those who have lost their work, struggling to find alternative jobs and unemployment support. We envision a world where human labor conveys dignity, fair wages and security.
- ✠ For families seeking childcare, as parents balance work and home.
- ✠ For families returning to in-class and at-home learning.
- ✠ For college students anxious about sudden changes and financial pressures.
- ✠ For Kristine and Ivan Roderiquez, Ian and Iliana--coming together as a new family.
- ✠ For persons facing tests for COVID, or a recent positive diagnosis, may they find grit and healing in recovery.
- ✠ For peace of mind and heart for Redge Nicolas and his whole family, Vielo Baniqued and his family, Reiner Puno and his family, and the Fernandez and Delos Santos families.
- ✠ For news about COVID19 vaccine research and trials, as we anxiously await breakthroughs.
- ✠ For people fleeing destructive and deadly fires in California, Oregon, and Washington. --May we more clearly understand and act as hopeful earthkeepers, to respond to climate change with threats to the environment and people's livelihoods and cultures.
- ✠ God of many names, we say their names--Jacob Blake, Daniel Prude and those we name in our hearts who have suffered violence.
- ✠ We pray for our congregation, for the presence of Spirit in new vision, new conversations, new breakthrough ministries.

Tech support ministry

If you think you need help in checking out your electronic devices as you participate in our virtual service, send us (office@communitymethodistchurch.org or leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org) a note and we can send someone to come check it out for you (following safety guidelines and protocol).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

now at 9:30 am indoors in the John Wesley Room, wearing masks and socially distancing in chairs. For more information, contact Pastor Nancy at nvictorinvangerud@hamline.edu.

Giving Options:

Electronic Giving has 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/>. Otherwise, mailing in a check works great (950 Gould Ave NE, Columbia Heights, 55421).