



**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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September 20, 2020



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Coming up this week:

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Worship – Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Zoom Fellowship with Pastor Riva

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 a.m. Bible Study – John Wesley Room

Thursday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Eve Circle – John Wesley Room

Saturday, September 26

1:00 p.m. Youth Kick-Off – Front Lawn

Thank you to our Worship Team

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

Tech support ministry: If you need help in checking out your electronic devices in order to 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).

The UMW Eve Circle will hold their meeting on September 24 at 7:00 PM in the John Wesley Room. We invite everyone to participate, not just circle members. Germaine Benda will share information about her ministry with children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Germaine has been attending CUMC before the shut down. To ensure we can adhere to the Covid 19 rules of numbers and social distancing, please let Mary Tholkes know if you will be attending. If we have more than 10 wanting to participate, a zoom meeting will be established so all can hear Germaine.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is meeting 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).

spaces, essential workers keeping roads and businesses open. We mourn the loss of human lives, thousands of homes and local shops, millions of acres of trees, and billions of creatures.

- ✠ For people displaced and impacted in states inundated by flooding from Hurricane Sally.
- ✠ May we wake up to the cries of the Earth and the living dance of creation. As "hopeful earthkeepers" may we act now for generations yet to come.
- ✠ We say their names Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Philando Castile and others we name in our hearts.
- ✠ And may we be present to moments of beauty around ustrees of yellow and orange that line the boulevards, tastes of jams and jellies, perky mums of rust and plum beckoning, and geese calling to one another (and us!) across the skies.

Community United Methodist Church September 20, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*
Charles Gabriel/arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Leader: We have been created to be God's children, but we are free to accept or deny this identity.

People: We have come to tell the world that we want to live as sons and daughters of God.

Leader: In Christ, we are called to participate in the life of God. We may come or stay away.

People: We have come to tell the world that Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Praise be to God!

Hymn #435 *"Oh God of Every Nation"*

- v. 1 O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
- v. 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God we pray.
- v. 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
- v. 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Opening Prayer

Eternal Source of all life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love and wholeness. Fill us with your compassionate spirit, so that we can serve the whole world into which are called. Help us recall that it is your breath that flows through us – your breath of creative love. Let us affirm your love,

