

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

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September 20, 2020





COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

950 Gould Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421 763-788-9009 www.communitymethodistchurch.org

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,

your life and your work, amid our everyday world of canopeners and car wax, transportation strikes and picnics, of masks and hand sanitizers. Help us to remember that love and justice are not words in the Bible on the shelf, but a kind of life we are called to live this day. Amen.

Children's Moment

Gift of Song "Draw the Circle Wide" Gordon Light/Mark Miller

James Bordewick, soloist

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

Meditation "Who should be the first or last?" 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 #2177 *"Wounded World that Cries for Healing"*

- v. 1 Wounded world that cries for healing here we hold each other's pain, wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain; dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day, Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!
- v. 2 Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless; tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak; past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.
- v. 3 Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals, towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels; in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair, in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.

Benediction Pastor Riva

Postlude "Gigue in G Major" J. S. Bach

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

God whose grace is 7X7, may we open our hearts to receive your forgiveness, as we confess our need for forgiveness. May we offer and receive forgiveness in our daily relations as we seek to repair harm and heal from harm. (see Pastor Riva's sermon from last Sunday).

- ⊕ Sometimes it is so hard to pray hard to be still, hard to make time, hard to find words, or whisper, "Lord have mercy". Stir our hearts to pray, O God.
- ⊕ Breath-taking God, we pray for those of us struggling to maintain work in safe and healthy conditions.
- For those struggling to find ample resources, enough food, and a place to sleep. May our hearts be touched by the growing number of tent encampments, and may we respond actively.
- ♣ For families making decisions about bills and stretching budgets.
- For Kristine and Ivan Roderiquez, big brother Ian and baby Iliana growing through transitions now at home and daycare, for deep bonding together.
- ♣ For Joan Bixler as she adjusts to transitions with her health and for Joanie Anderson in her role as caregiver for her mom.
- With flu season, may we care for others and ourselves taking extra safe practices in containing germs and avoiding spreading disease.
- For loved ones and friends who are enduring a positive COVID diagnosis that they may experience healing, grit and patience in recovery. Hang in there with quarantine!
- ⊕ We give thanks for scientists developing vaccine trials and sharing research.
- ⊕ In our great world house, we pray 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.
- ⊕ Our hearts hold the family of Henry Soriano as they deal with his passing.
- Our hearts go out to people fleeing deadly climate fires in CA, OR, WA and Colorado. We give thanks for the sweaty commitment of firefighters, kind responders providing meals and sleeping