



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

November 15, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Meditation *(Let us all be in silent meditation as the candles are lit)*

Prelude *“This Little Light of Mine”* arr. Bradley Sowash

Call to Worship Les and Jan Johnson

Voice 1: O Holy One, you are our God.

Voice 2: We will exalt you, we will praise your name.

Voice 1: For you have done wonderful things

Voice 2: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Voice 1: You have been a stronghold to the poor,

Voice 2: A stronghold to the needy in distress.

Voice 1: You subdue the noise of violence and hatred,

Voice 2: As the shade of a cloud subdues the heat.

Voice 1: O Holy One, you are God.

Voice 2: We exalt you, we praise your loving name.

Hymn #413 *“A Charge to Keep I Have”*

- v. 1 A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
- v. 2 To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!
- v. 3 Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!
- v. 4 Help me to watch and pray, and on myself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Opening Prayer Anna Lexvold

O God of love, you have called us into church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice or misunderstanding; through Christ our leader, and the Holy Spirit our strength. Amen.

Gift of Song *“Bring Forth the Kingdom”* Marty Haugen
James Bordewick, soloist

Children's Moment

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV) Carol Felland
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Meditation *“Faith and Risks...do they come together?”*

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 #2175 *“Together We Serve”*

- v. 1 Together we serve, united by love,
 inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
 We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
 extending your love to the last and the least.
- v. 2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 until we see Christ in each person we meet.
- v. 3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
 the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
 We offer a home to those who will come,
 our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
- v. 4 Together, by grace, we witness and work,
 remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
 Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
 remembering love is the strength of our song.

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude *“Festive Processional”*

David Laskey

Worship Participants

Les and Jan Johnson
Anna Lexvold
Carol Felland
James Bordewick

Worship Team

Lead Pastor: Pastor Riva Tabelisma
Teaching Elder: Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud
Music: Dan Ritter
Audio & Video Recording: Andy Bixler
Video Editing: James Bordewick

Our Weekly Prayers for Centering in God's Presence:

Gracious and everloving God,
We are going through such difficult times.
It feels like we are undergoing a collective trauma that is bringing up deep grief, loss and panic.
It has been so difficult to cope.
We have such high's and lows.
Sometimes we feel numbness and then we are taken hold of by a love that we can't quite grasp.

We are in need of your mercy and presence.
We are in need of your blessing, your hope, your light.
So may we receive these words of wisdom

Blessed are you
who bear the light in unbearable times,
who testify to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness to its persistence
when everything seems in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom the light lives,
in whom the brightness blazes—
your heart a chapel,
an altar where in the deepest night
can be seen the fire that shines forth in you in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.
Thank you for the light, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine as we join together in the prayer Jesus taught his people, like us:

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.

Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons

Coming up this week:

Sunday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. [Adult Sunday School \(Zoom\)](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship – Worship Broadcast (FB)
- 11:00 a.m. [Zoom Fellowship](#)
- 7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday School

Monday, November 16

- 6:00 p.m. Meditation on Lament (FB)

Wednesday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 22

- 9:00 a.m. [Adult Sunday School \(Zoom\)](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship – Worship Broadcast (FB)
- 11:00 a.m. [Zoom Fellowship](#)
- 7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday School

Cookie Walk (Covid Style): The UMW will be holding a 2020 version of the Annual Cookie Walk. We will have a limited number of choices of cookies and specialty items available for Pre-Order. Pick Up will be December 12. People will pre-order cookies; ½ dozen for \$2 or 1 dozen for \$4 of specific kinds of cookies or a box of 3 dozen variety pack for \$10.

We need volunteers to make cookie dough to be baked at church, workers to bake and decorate the cookies on December 8 and 9 and others to bake some specific kinds at home. Let Anna Lexvold know how you would like to participate. Recipes will be sent to you for the dough and the bake at home varieties.

Gift Shop: If you wish to buy items from the church gift shop contact Pat Good (651-348-6688). These items can be picked up on Wednesday mornings at 11 A.M.

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).

Emergency Phone Number: If you need to contact the pastors for an emergency that cannot wait until the office phone is checked, we have added an emergency phone number: 612-757-7115. This is a cell phone that goes to the pastor on call.

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).



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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