



One: *God of infinite provisions, you tell us not to worry about missing out, and promise us that you will take care of our everyday concerns.*

One: *God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.*

Two: *God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.*

One: *Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,*

Two: *by public and personal witnessing, through acts of charity and works of mercy.*

One: *O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.*

Two: *O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.*

One: *In the name of One Eternal God,*

Two: *Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

**Children's Time**

Kathy Johnson

**UMW Mission**

Anna Lexvold

**Gift of Music**

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*  
the Women's Quartet

**Scripture**

Psalm 68:4-11 (NRSV)  
Luke 8:1-3

Katherine Brown, Kari Trench

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Mary Tholkes

**Communal Prayer**

Mary Tholkes

**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 #707**

*"Hymn of Promise"*  
Led by the Women's Quartet

- v. 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the see, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- v. 2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- v. 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**Offertory Music**

*"Living for Jesus"*

**Hymn #569**

*“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”*

Led by the Women’s Quartet

v. 1 We’ve a story to tell the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

*refrain:* For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

v. 2 We’ve a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear  
and sword.

*refrain:*

v. 3 We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is  
love.

*refrain:*

v. 4 We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the  
truth of God.

*refrain:*

**Benediction**

Mary Tholkes

May God whom heaven and earth cannot contain burst forth into new life in you. May  
Christ bless you with the power of the Gospel to disturb and heal you. May the Holy Spirit  
accompany you beyond the known path so that you may proclaim your faith in action  
without fear and without apology. Amen.

**Postlude**

*“Interlude from Water Music”*

Georg Frederic Handel

*Thank you to the UMW for leading worship today.*

**Worship Participants**

**Readers:** Veronica Johnson, Stacy Johnson  
Kari Trench, Katherine Brown  
Anna Lexvold, Naomi Jones

**Children’s Time:** Kathy Johnson

**Women’s Quartet:** Naomi Jones, Kari Trench, Stacy Johnson,  
Aza Donnelly

**Worship Team**

**Lead Pastor:** Pastor Riva Tabelisma

**Teaching Elder:** Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud

**Music:** Dan Ritter

**Audio & Video Recording:** James Bordewick/Pastor Riva

**Video Editing:** James Bordewick/Pastor Riva

## Coming up this week:

### Sunday, January 24

- 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

### Sunday, January 31

- 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

**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](mailto:office@communitymethodistchurch.org) or [leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org](mailto: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.

### 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
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