



**COMMUNITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

*REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE*

**February 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.  
Transfiguration Sunday**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Riva

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

**Prelude**

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us.*

**People: A light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world**

*Leader: that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends, and new life is born.*

**People: In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.**

**ALL: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”**

**Hymn #260**

*“Christ, upon the Mountain Peak”*

v. 1 Christ, upon the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him: Allelujah!

v. 2 Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law shout thru them their joyful greeting: Allelujah!

v. 3 Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Allelujah!

v. 4 This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;  
first and last and only one, let creation now adore him: Allelujah!

**Opening Prayer (UMH 259)**

Joanie Anderson

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Children’s Moment**

Jesus is my Valentine

Pastor Riva

**Scripture**

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

Joanie Anderson

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Gift of Song** "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Howard Helvey  
Mixed Quartet: Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench, Les Johnson, James Brodrick

**Meditation** "Mountaintop Experiences" Pastor Riva

**Offertory Music** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. John Carter

**Offertory Prayer** Pastor Riva

**ALL: God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life, remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place, and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts. We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Centering Meditation** Pastor Nancy

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our (Creator/God/Mother/Father\*) in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Please use whichever name connects you deeply to the Divine.*

**Hymn #258** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

- v. 1 O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
- v. 2 From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there  
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
- v. 3 The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;  
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
- v. 4 With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day  
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
- v. 5 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;  
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

**Benediction** Pastor Riva

**Postlude** "Allegro Vivace" Peter Prelleur

### **Worship Participants**

**Reader:** Joanie Anderson

**Gift of Music:** Aza Donnelly, Kari Trench, Les Johnson, James Brodrick

### **Worship Team**

**Lead Pastor:** Pastor Riva Tabelisma

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

**Music:** Dan Ritter

**Audio & Video Recording:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick/Les Johnson

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

## Centering Prayer

### Loving Kindness Meditation

May I be safe and protected and free from inner and outer harm.

May I be happy and contented.

May I be healthy and whole to whatever degree possible.

May I experience ease of well-being.

(loved one)

May they be safe and protected and free from inner and outer harm.

May they be happy and contented.

May they be healthy and whole to whatever degree possible.

May they experience ease of well-being.

(acquaintance or someone you have conflict or strife with)

May they be safe and protected and free from inner and outer harm.

May they be happy and contented.

May they be healthy and whole to whatever degree possible.

May they experience ease of well-being.

(all creation)

May all beings be safe and protected and free from inner and outer harm.

May all beings be happy and contented.

May all beings be healthy and whole to whatever degree possible.

May all beings experience ease of well-being.

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**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).

## Coming up this week:

### Sunday, February 14

- 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

### Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Book Study – John Wesley Room
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Drive Through Imposition of Ashes – Parking Lot

### Sunday, February 21

- 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

**Ash Wednesday:** We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will safely do imposition of ashes in our parking lot from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be broadcast on our FaceBook page at 6 p.m.

**You are invited!** Anyone feeling moved to join in the book conversations with Bishop Michael Curry’s book *Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times*, please contact Pastor Nancy, [nvictorinvangerudoi@hamline.edu](mailto:nvictorinvangerudoi@hamline.edu) to join a group—Wednesday mornings 9:30 a.m. at church, or Sunday mornings 9 a.m. on Zoom.

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

**Be part of the worship service:** Email Pastor Riva: [leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org](mailto:leadpastor@communitymethodistchurch.org) for details.

### **Loving People and Planet in the Name of God: Engaging the Local Church:**

5 part series Feb 28, Mar 4, 7, 11, & 14 from 6-8 p.m. Central Time. Cost: \$15.

This workshop will prepare you to understand creation care and climate justice in the Wesleyan Tradition; to recognize environmental concerns and solutions; to incorporate creation care into your worship; and to exercise environmental stewardship in the life of your congregation and community. It will focus on practical approaches to greening your buildings, your grounds, your ministry, and your witness.

#### **Five 2-Hour Sessions:**

- Our Theological Grounding
- Climate Crisis and Creation Justice: Connecting the Dots
- God’s Good Gifts: Called as Stewards and Prophets
- What Can Churches Do?
- Your Green Team, Your Plan

The primary text will be *CLIMATE JUSTICE: A CALL TO HOPE AND ACTION* edited by Pat Watkins and used in the 2016 & 2017 United Methodist Women’s Mission U curricula. You may be able to borrow a copy from an attendee to Mission U. If not, provide your mailing address to [bobdowns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobdowns@sbcglobal.net) no later than 15 Feb 2021 and we will send you a paperback copy.

More information and a link to Register [Here](#).



## **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
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