



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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

February 28, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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”
Les Johnson, sax and vocals

arr. Bradley Sowash

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 22

Leader: Let us speak out God’s name to people near and far; we will praise God wherever we are gathered!

People: For God does not despise or disregard the poverty of the poor; God does not hide God’s face from anyone when we cry out to God.

Leader: God inspires our praise; people of any race can worship God, as God’s Spirit blows throughout the families and cultures of the earth.

People: Let us tell the stories of God’s deliverance across the generations; from our ancestors of the past to those yet to be born.

Leader: We will say: “These things God has done!”

ALL: Let us give thanks to God! Amen!

Hymn #2120

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

v. 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

refrain

v. 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

refrain

v. 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

refrain

v. 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

refrain

Opening Prayer (UMH 259)

Mary Tholkes

ALL: God of wilderness and water, mountaintop and desert sands, Jesus the Beloved was embodied and tempted as we are. We see in his journey, our journeys; in his life, our lives; and in his hope, our communion with You. Guide us through this season of Lent, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through our sincere depths of repentance and the eye-opening, heart-rending call of your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Moment

Pastor Nancy

Gift of Song

"Come Sunday"
Les Johnson, sax and vocals

Duke Ellington

Scripture

Mary Tholkes

Hebrew Bible: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NRSV)

Scripture Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Meditation

"Love is the Way – You're Never Too Old!"

Pastor Nancy

Offertory Music

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us" Stuart Townend/ arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Riva

ALL: God of the covenant of faith, you call us like our ancestors, to be stewards within your creation. We offer our lives as seeds of fruitfulness in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. We open the desires of our hearts and the skills of our hands and minds that they may be stirred by your hopes and dreams. Grant O God, that the prayers we offer, and the gifts of our monies and tithes be channels for new and abundant life, not only for our congregation but for others with whom we share life. Through faithful word and deed, we pray, Amen.

Centering Meditation

Pastor Riva

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 #2121

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

- v. 1 O Holy Spirit, Root of life, Creator, cleanser of all things,
anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.
- v. 2 Eternal Vigor, saving One, you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.

- v. 3 O holy wisdom, soaring power, encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all, above, below, and through the world.

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude

“Grand Choir”

Théodore Dubois

Worship Participants

Reader: Mary Tholkes

Gift of Music: Les Johnson, vocals and sax

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

Worship Resources:

1. <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=72>
2. *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* (Wild Goose Publications, 2009)

Centering Prayer

Though people may turn their backs on us, you do not hide your face from us. Though others may try to take away our hope, you assure us of that future waiting for us. You speak your name, Inscrutable Creator, and it is enough. When we try to dictate our fears to you, you invite us to follow you into self-denial and service. As we struggle to shape our lifestyle to yours, you carry us with you wherever we go. You speak your good news, Teacher of open hearts, and it is enough. Though we have done nothing to earn them, you pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us. When we stumble over our lack of trust, you set us back on our feet, to follow you into the kingdom. You speak your peace, Breath of Holiness, and it is enough. God in Community, Holy in One, it is enough that you hear us even as we pray as we are taught,

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Coming up this week:

Sunday, February 28

- 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, March 3

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Book Study – John Wesley Room
- 11:00 a.m. UMW Meeting – John Wesley Room

Saturday, March 6

Don’t forget to put clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time before bed!

Sunday, March 7

- 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

Community Meal: It is returning in a drive-through version on **Monday, March 8** from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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 for details.

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).

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).



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
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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