



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

April 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Welcome

Pastor Riva

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

Prelude

“I’ll Fly Away”
Anita Thompson, piano

Allen Jackson

Call to Worship

Rod Bruns

Leader: When we are confused

People: Lord, give us peace.

Leader: When we are afraid

People: Lord, give us peace.

Leader: When we are lost in grief

People: Lord, give us peace.

All: O God, meet us in this room and grant us peace!

Hymn #2084 *“Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”*

v. 1 Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies:
who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead;
he rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day forever his.

v. 2 This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed,
may feel his resurrection’s power, and rise again, to fall no more,
in perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with al the life of God.

v. 3 Then let us render him his ow, with solemn prayer approach his throne,
with meekness hear the gospel word, and thanks his dying love record,
our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.

Opening Prayer

Rod Bruns

All: Lord, we are living in a world that behaves as though you never lived. Our eyes behold atrocities and insults that we never thought possible and that our grandparents thought they would never see again. We live in a world that is longing for proof of the Resurrection, proof of the Living Lord. Lord, show us how to prove your living through our lives. Put our hands to doing what you would have done were you still on this earth. Place our feet on a path that leads others to salvation. Pull us out of our caves of isolation so that we might be seen as ordinary, living, breathing, caring people of the Resurrection. When the people of the land cry out for proof that you are alive, or even that you ever existed, may we be able to offer our hands and feet and our lives as living proof. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Pastor Riva

Scripture	Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)	Rod Bruns
ALL:	Thanks be to God!	
Gift of Song	<i>“Easter Alleluia”</i> Kari Trench, Soloist	Marty Haugen/French Carol
Meditation	<i>“Righteous Fright”</i>	Pastor Riva
Offertory Music	<i>“The Strife is O’er”</i>	arr. Lani Smith
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Riva
	Mighty God who brings life and hope out of death and despair, help us hear the invitation Christ offered to the disciples, “Touch me and see!” Make us bold to grab hold of the risen Christ – not for this day but for all our days. May we offer our gifts this morning not to the church historical—the church that was—but to a church that is becoming, that is still being born, that Christ will bring into the future. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward! In his name, we pray. Amen.	
Centering Meditation		Pastor Nancy
Lord’s Prayer	Our (<i>Creator/God/Mother/Father*</i>) 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.	
	<i>*Please use whichever name connects you deeply to the Divine.</i>	
Hymn #2239	<i>“Go Ye, Go Ye into the World”</i>	
v. 1	Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations. Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!	
v. 2	Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all the people. Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!	
v. 3	Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all believers. Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!	
Benediction		Pastor Riva
Postlude	<i>“O Sons and Daughters of the King”</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt
Announcements		Pastor Riva

Worship Participants

Reader: Rod Bruns
Gift of Song: Kari Trench
Piano: Anita Thompson

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

BELL

Gracious and most merciful God, Holy One, Holy Three, Holy Community,
You who took the risk of love in flaring forth the cosmos,
You who held open your heart as worlds collided, expanded, cooled, and brought forth life
through the eons of time and space,
You who breathed into creatures the breath of life and promised a rainbow-covenant with all
creation,
You who sorrowed with the prophets when they cried out,
 *“A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children;
 she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” (Jeremiah 31:15)*
We join you, and Rachel, and all the mothers, fathers, elders and ancestors, who continue to weep
and cry out as we acknowledge face to face the age-old weight of our kind...

BELL

Why do you bother, God? Why bother with us?
We are such slow learners, refusing to learn even the simplest of your commands.
“Love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.”
We can all quote it. We speak it out as a summation of the law, of the faith.
We know in the knowing of our heads that this is what you want us to do.
Yet somehow, we don't know it in the knowing of our hands, our speech, and our choices.
We don't know it in the assumptions we make, the jokes we tell and fears we hold.
Why do you bother with us, God?
God of a kin-dom of grace and beloved community?
Dare we hope that you believe we might get there one day?
Dare we believe that we, the human creations of this beleaguered planet, may one day be as
beautiful in diversity and harmony as the stars in the heavens and the mountains and valleys on
earth?
Inspire us as we continue to work to build that beloved community where all are accepted for
their gifts, and no one is considered beyond forgiveness.
We are your creation. We are still becoming your creation.
May we live as though we know that.

BELL

This morning our prayers hold in our community the participants of the Community Meals program, especially friends recovering from surgery and struggling with sobriety and addiction. We pray for healing for Michael Laabs, who is recovering from a car accident, and for Cary Laabs and their family as they together move through this challenging time.

We pray for all those in our congregation who are mourning the loss of loved ones, may we offer prayers for comfort, gratitude and peace.

We pray for people who are waiting until an available vaccine appointment.

We are especially concerned about signs of resurgence and increased virus positivity in younger folk.

Call us to regard the most vulnerable in our midst as we shift our focus beyond ourselves.

BELL

God of our weary years, Mourning and weeping are heard this week, once again from Minnesota. In moments like this our resolve is tested. In our neighborhoods and in our cities, we are still processing our grief and trauma from last May when George Floyd was killed in the public square, and this week with the killing of Daunte Wright, say his name, the racial wound in many communities is made raw once again.

God, slow us down that we may hear and see you a little more clearly.

To see and hear each other more truly.

Our old ways have not worked, if we're honest, so, help us to find your way.

We pray that the Wind of your Spirit will continue changing, comforting, challenging, and healing all the people and systems that welcome it. Each and every day.

So as we continue to walk in the light and joy of Christ's resurrection,

Let us pray the prayer he taught his disciples:

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.

Coming up this week:

Sunday, April 18

10:00 a.m. [Worship – Worship Broadcast \(FB\)](#)

11:00 a.m. [Zoom Fellowship](#)

7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday School

Tuesday, April 20

Deadline for May Newsletter issue

Wednesday, April 21

9:30 a.m. Adult Book Study – John Wesley Room

Thursday, April 22

7:00 p.m. Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Team (Zoom)

Friday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga – John Wesley Room

Sunday, April 25

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

Plant Sale: Community United Methodist Church is holding their Annual Plant Sale, May 7th from 9-5 and May 8th from 9-1. There will be Patio containers, hanging baskets of several varieties and colors, also annuals and bedding plants, all available to browse through and to purchase on site or pre-order. For questions and to pre-order, call 763 202 0796 no later than April 25th. There will be a list of items and [order form](#) on the church website www.communitymethodistchurch.org. Orders will be available for pick-up both Friday and Saturday. In addition, there will be the usual low cost food available by box lunch. We will be needing volunteers to help make this a great fundraiser for our church.

Plant Sale Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday May 6** to put the pre-orders together (9-1) and Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-1 for the on-site sale. You can volunteer for a morning or afternoon or just a couple of hours. Let Mary Tholkes know your availability by calling 763-202-0796 or emailing marytholkes@gmail.com . This is one of our largest fund raisers of the year for the work of the church, so your support is much appreciated.

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
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