

## Worship Participants

Readers: Fred Carter, Kari Trench

Music Participant: Sharon Ruhnke

## Worship Team

Lead Pastor: Pastor Riva Tabelisma

Music Director: Dan Ritter

Tech & Video Recording: James Bordewick, Andy Bixler

## Lectionary Passages for the Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>:

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

## Families to pray for the Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>:

Andy & Mandy Bixler

Gorden Bixler

Joan Bixler

Cheryl Boe & Steve Varhol

## This Week at a Glance

### Sunday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)

### Wednesday, October 20

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 22

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

### Sunday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Worship – In Person and [FaceBook Live](#)

### Monday, October 25

5:30 p.m. Community Meal (drive-thru pick up in parking lot)

October 17, 2021

Laity Sunday

WHOEVER WANTS TO BECOME  
**great**  
AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR  
**servant,**  
AND WHOEVER WANTS TO BE  
first MUST BE  
**slave** OF ALL.  
FOR EVEN THE  
**Son of Man**  
DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO  
**serve,** AND TO GIVE  
**His life**  
AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.  
MARK 10:43-45



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# Community United Methodist Church

October 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering Music

### Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Riva

### Silent Meditation

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

### Prelude “God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

arr. Michael Hassel

### Call to Worship

Kari Trench

*Leader: God created the heavens and the earth.*

**People: And gave them to us to use and enjoy.**

*Leader: And God breathed life into each of us, and set us on the earth.*

**People: And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.**

*Leader: Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.*

**People: We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this our God is to be praised. Let us worship God together!**

### Hymn TFWS#2222 “The Servant Song”

### Opening Prayer

Fred Carter

**ALL: Lord, you laid the earth's foundations; you placed its cornerstone; while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy you set limits for the sea and said, "This far and no further!" You gave orders to the morning and showed the dawn its place; you molded the earth until it took shape. You alone know the springs of the sea; you alone comprehend the vastness of the universe; you alone know the laws of heaven: Lord, give wisdom to our hearts and understanding to our minds. Amen.**

### Children's Moment

*God's Got This*  
Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Pastor Riva

### Scripture Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

Kari Trench

*Leader: These are the words inspired by God for the people of God.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

John Rutter

### Meditation

*What is your why?*

Pastor Riva

### Offertory Music

*“Bourrée”*

J. S. Bach

### Offertory Prayer

Fred Carter

**All: God of great blessing, but even greater lessons, remind us again who gives life and who receives it. Sometimes, like Job, we need to have our questioning answered with a lesson – we need to learn that we are not the ones in charge in the universe. The gifts we bring this morning are not a down payment toward future favor, but a token of a debt we will never be able to repay. May we gain wisdom in the giving, and may these gifts be blessed for your glory, not ours. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### Pastoral Meditation

### 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 TFWS #2175

*“Together We Serve”*

### Benediction

Pastor Riva

### Postlude

*“Psalm XIX”*

Benedetto Marcello

## Pastoral Meditation

Lord, we have been so focused on having seats in the kingdom that we almost lost focus on the work of the kingdom. God, we have become so pious that we are neglecting those who need you most. So, as we leave this place, may we not just bask in your Word. Let us take what we have learned today and apply it the needs of our brothers and sisters. Let us not become so focused on the everlasting but shift to what we can do for you today. You did not pay the price for our sin for us to keep this gift to ourselves.

\*We have a charge to keep and a God to glorify.

We have a never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky.

Let's get to work and build God's kingdom while we still have breath in our bodies.

Since being exiled from the Garden, O so long ago, we have been held hostage to death. There was no way of escaping the clutches of death. The price was too high, and we could never truly pay it off to become free. There were not enough sacrifices to atone for the sins that we had committed.

Then, God, you had a plan to change that. You sent your Son as the Advocate on our behalf, to snatch us from the Kidnapper, Death. With three nails, a cross, and a crown of thorns, Jesus paid the price to set us free from the jailhouse. With the power of the Resurrection, Jesus paid our ransom and snatched back the keys to the shackles that held us prisoner to our sins. With his crimson blood, he took away our filth and made us clean. Whom the Son has set free is truly free indeed. We were once on the outside looking in. Now we have a seat at the Welcome Table. As we gather here, as newly freed souls or souls that have been on the battlefield for some time, help us to remember we are no longer hostages to our past. Open our ears and hearts to listen to the refreshing word that will further convince us that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. May someone have an awakening experience to the fact that he or she can be set free today. In the Name of the One who paid the price, who taught the disciples and us we pray...

## Announcements:

**Next Community Meal:** October 25 from 5:30 – 6:30. We are still doing this as pick-up the meal from the church parking lot. Thank you for all your help.

**Wednesday Bible Study Update:** The Wednesday morning Bible Study group is now using the Upper Room's Wednesday devotional plan as a way to listen to God and to each other. Feel free to attend whenever you can, as each session is stand-alone. Contact persons for the summer are Anna Lexvold and Anita Thompson.

### **Giving Options:**

**Changed:** Electronic Giving has two options. *One is using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app 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).

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



## **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**

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Ministers	All the Congregation
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Music Director	Dan Ritter

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