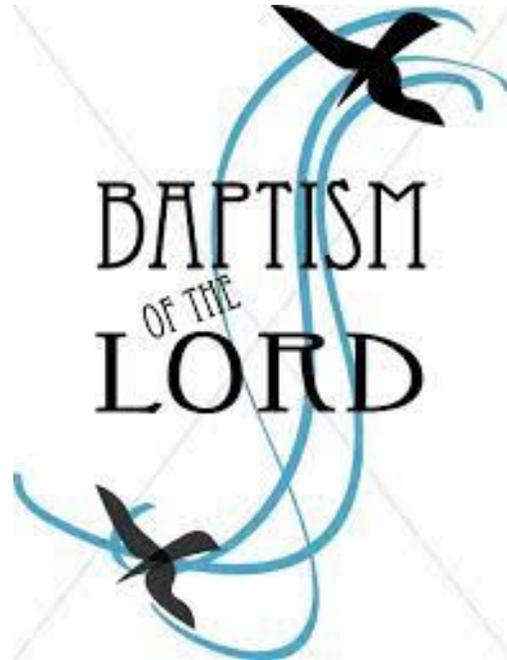


January 9, 2022



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

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Community United Methodist Church

January 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome/Waving of Peace/Announcements/Birthday Pastor Riva

Silent Meditation

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

Prelude “Wade in the Water” arr. Bradley Sowash

Centering Prayer Stacy Johnson

All: O God of all creation, you came into the world that we might know love and new life. Pour your Spirit on your church, that it may fulfill Christ’s command to live the gospel everywhere; that the proclamation of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Reassure us, that we are your beloved people. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Endue us with love, keep us constant in prayer, empower us for the service of love. Amen.

Hymn UMH #347 “Spirit Song”

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV) Stacy Johnson
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Meditation James Bordewick

Affirmation of Faith ALL

The Social Creed (from the 2016 Book of Resolution)

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

Offertory Music “Down to the River to Pray”
Southern USA Folk Song

Vocalists: Naomi Jones, Joanie Anderson, Kari Trench, Barb Miller

Offertory Prayer

Stacy Johnson

All: Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving – and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise that in your mercy you brought us to baptism, and there gave us Jesus' holiness in exchange for our sin and impurity. Thank you for our parents who brought us up in the faith and to baptism, thank you for those other people whom you used to bring us the gospel, and thank you for our pastors and teachers in the faith.

Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the baptized people of God, that we may hang on to your promises in true faith, especially when we experience the wilderness of sin and evil within, and temptations and trials from outside. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit so that Jesus' victory may be our victory.

Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all people, that the good news of Christ will be proclaimed and heard by all people, and that many will believe and be baptized. To this end, send and support pastors, missionaries, teachers, and lay people able to give truthful and loving witness to Christ.

Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Have mercy on those in need, those who are struggling because of domestic violence and break-down, those who are suffering from harmful behavior and hurting relationships. Heal, restore, and renew dear Lord.

Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the sick, those who are disabled, those in hospital, those facing death. Show them the light of the gospel, provide helpers and carers and medical resources, and heal both body and soul. Be with those among us who are sick or recovering from illness and others whom we name in our hearts... (brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, you have shown us your love and salvation in the baptism of your Son. Accept these prayers of your children in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God...In Jesus' name who taught his disciples and us this prayer...

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.*

Benediction

Pastor Riva

Postlude

"Gloria in Excelsis"

Antonio Vivaldi

Licensing:

CCLI 1806221

CCLV 20426627

Worship Participants

Reader: Stacy Johnson
Vocalists: Naomi Jones, Joanie Anderson,
Kari Trench, Barb Miller
Musician: Sharon Ruhnke
Preacher: James Bordewick

Worship Team

Lead Pastor: Pastor Riva Tabelisma
Music Director: Dan Ritter
Tech & Video Recording: James Bordewick, Andy Bixler

Lectionary Passages for the Week of January 9th:

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Families to pray for the Week of January 9th:

Bert H. Jones
Jody Jones
Luke Jones
Nathan Jones

This Week at a Glance**Sunday, January 9 - Communion**

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

Monday, January 10

5:30 p.m. Community Meal (Take Out)

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 p.m. Core Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 12

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, January 14

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, January 16

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

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.

Announcements:

Next Community Meal: January 10 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: Starting in January, CUMC Adult Education, including the Wednesday morning Bible study group, will be doing an eight-week study entitled “Apprenticed to Hope” by Julia Neraas. Here’s the description: Apprentice yourself to hope and see what it has to teach you, where it can guide you, how it can sustain you, and what meaning it can bring to your life, even in the midst of the most difficult and trying circumstances. Hope you can join us at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings. If a different day and time works better for you, please let Karen Schneider, Anna Lexvold, or Naomi Jones know.

Giving Options:

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).



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

Pastor	Pastor Riva Tabelisma
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Music Director	Dan Ritter

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