

January 16, 2022



**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE

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Community United Methodist Church

January 16, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 “Every Time I Feed the Spirit” arr. Mark Hayes

Centering Prayer Dennis Ruhnke

Leader: *Was Puccini’s music for his ears alone? Or was Starry Night only for Van Gogh’s eyes?*

People: **Are discerners of spirits better than those who prophesy? Is it better to be a healer than a preacher? Was Mother Teresa more important than the Jesuit brother who held the door?**

ALL: ***Is red better than blue? All gifts are from the same Spirit. They are each a part of the whole and given to each of us for each other or for the common good. Lord, help us understand. Thank you for all gifts. Amen.***

Hymn UMH #644 “Jesu, Joy of our Desiring”

Scripture John 2:1-11 (NRSV) Dennis Ruhnke

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Pastor Riva

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 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Johnson, Rosamond Johnson

James

Vocalists: Naomi Jones, Kari Trench, Fred Carter

Offertory Prayer

Dennis Ruhnke

All: Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that you give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share – gifts from you meant for giving. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to see the gifts you have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray these words in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, for whose love we are eternally grateful. Amen.

Pastoral 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

“Maple Leaf Rag”

Scott Joplin

Licensing:

CCLI 1806221

CCLV 20426627

Worship Participants

Reader: Dennis Ruhnke

Musician: 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 January 16th:

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Families to pray for the Week of January 16th:

Ashley and Edison Konold

Margie and Kenneth Kottom

Sandra and Michael Langner

Tamra, Mario and Avery LeBlanc

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 16

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

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Birthday Observed

Tuesday, January 18

2:00 p.m. Eve Circle at ??

Wednesday, January 19

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

Newsletter articles due for February issue

Friday, January 21

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, January 23 – UMW Sunday

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

Announcements:

Next Community Meal: January 24 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: CUMC Adult Education, including the Wednesday morning Bible study group, is 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.

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.

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
Ministers	All the Congregation
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Music Director	Dan Ritter

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