

## **Our Vision**

*We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive,  
and welcoming Christian fellowship woven  
into the fabric of our community.*

## **Our Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Choir Director	
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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## This Week at a Glance

### Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.      Worship  
11:00 a.m.      Fellowship in Social Hall

### Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:45 a.m.      Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m.      River Rats  
NO Bell Choir Rehearsal!  
7:00 p.m.      Maundy Thursday Worship

### Friday, April 19, 2019 - Good Friday

12:00 p.m.      Good Friday Worship

### Saturday, April 20, 2019

*Newsletter Articles due for May Newsletter*

### Sunday, April 21, 2019 - Easter

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.      Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.      Worship

## Announcements

### *Holy Week Schedule:*

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**Good Friday Service** is a community service for all Columbia Heights ministerium. Fellowship and cookies will follow.

**Thank you** to Kathy Webb and friends for the special music selections today.

**Thank you** to the children and children ministry team for their skit today.

**Thank you** to Washburn McReavy for our palm branches.

**Herstory Theatre** – Real Women, Real Stories-Jan-June 2019

**History Theatre** is spotlighting amazing women with 3 shows: *Stewardess!*, *Sisters of Peace* and *Dirty Business*. See Anna Lexvold for more information – and possibly putting together a group for one or more shows.

### **Save the Date**

The Annual Salad Luncheon will be held from 11 am -1 pm, **Thursday, April 25th** this year. We will get into gear with this in early April, signing our people up to make salads and to help with the event. Also watch for ticket sellers, April 7th and 14th. Cost is \$9.00. We will also be needing those yummy baked goods for the Boutique. Thanks, in advance, for all your help.

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## Thank you to our Worship Team

**Pastor:**              Rev. Linda McCollough  
**Greeter:**            Mary Tholkes  
**Liturgist:**          Sharon Ruhnke  
**Music Leaders:**    Organist - Sharon Ruhnke  
                              Choir -  
                              Bell Choir - Karen Schneider  
**Sound System:**    Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

\* **Hymn** "Halle, Halle, Halle" Black Hymnal #2026

\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

*Refrain:* Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-i-a (3 times)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*Verse 1:* You are the rock of ages, cleft for me,  
O let me, let me hide myself in Thee,  
You are the rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*Refrain:*

*Verse 2:* With nothing in my hands, myself I bring,  
O let me to the cross forever cling  
With nothing in my hands, myself I bring,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*Refrain:*

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** "I Thank You, Jesus" Worship & Song #3037

# **Community United Methodist Church**

**Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**

*A time of quiet reflection is appreciated as we gather for worship. During this time, you may wish to use one of the prayer slips at the end of each pew to request a prayer to be lifted up during the service.*

**Preservice Music** "Almighty" Twila McBride/Rebecca Peck  
*"Let all the earth proclaim the glory of Your name!"*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

\* **Music** "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" Godspell  
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (repeat)  
\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

\* **Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Red Hymnal #278

## \* **Gathering Words**

*O God, we gather this morning with a host of history and ancient text telling us that Jesus triumphant entry led those who believed toward a new vision of justice!*

**Great stories filled children, mothers, fathers, friends and disciples living into the hope of what is next!**

*This morning may we settle into our seats, situated with the same type of hope, curiosity and wonder that surrounded that great parade of followers and watchers loving Jesus.*

**May our love grow because of our presence and may our stories become more vocal in invitation to God's love for all creation!**

\* **Hymn** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Red Hymnal #277

## Prayer to Begin

Gracious and loving God, our lives seem fuller because of days like today. We hear the stories of hope through Jesus life and ministry. This week, God, remind us of the repentant hearts as we go through an emotional journey of Jesus final earthly days. Teach us to spread forgiveness because of the grace poured out in abundance by You. Silence our rush to distraction, quiet our hearts to hear you now in this time of prayer.

*(time of silent prayer)*

**Call to Prayer:** *“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*

Black Hymnal #2128, v. 1

## Intro to Children’s Time

### Children’s Time:

*Children are invited to use the activity tables during the worship service*

**Scripture** Luke 19:28-40

The words inspired by God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *“God’s Story, Our Story – Palm Story”*

\* **Hymn** *“Hosanna! Hosanna!”* Black Hymnal #2109

\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

## Our Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Breakthrough Prayer for our church

**Good and Generous God,**

**Your grace and love are an outpouring for me; I**

**give thanks for all that you have given me and**

**our church. O God, we know that Community UMC**

has held a presence in this community for 112 years. We are blessed and rejoice in the works and wonder we have provided through You to serve this community. God, we pray fervently for our church as we continue to seek You for new directions, ministries, and purposes joining in your vision for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Guide us in your purposes, help us to recognize your purposes as our purposes. God, breakthrough to us! Grant us a spirit of exploration, curiosity and newness in our: adventures, leaders, visitors and members. Help us to go where we have not yet been, and enlarge our territories. Nudge us from our comfort and complacency zones. Help us to grow more in love with you, God, and more in love with our neighbors. Guide us to take risks in Your name and for Your Kingdom! Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

*“Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ...”*

please use whichever name you find meaningful.

**Offertory** *“Praise Him”*

Worship & Song #3041

**Doxology**

Red Hymnal #94

## Prayer of Dedication

**Creating God, you have ultimately given all for us, invited us to share in your generosity of spirit, hope and love. May we be good stewards of your gifts and build into our lives ways to grow in our giving to create a better kin’dom of heaven here on earth. Multiply what we have given here for the evermore. Amen.**