

July 28, 2019

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
Music Director	Dan Ritter
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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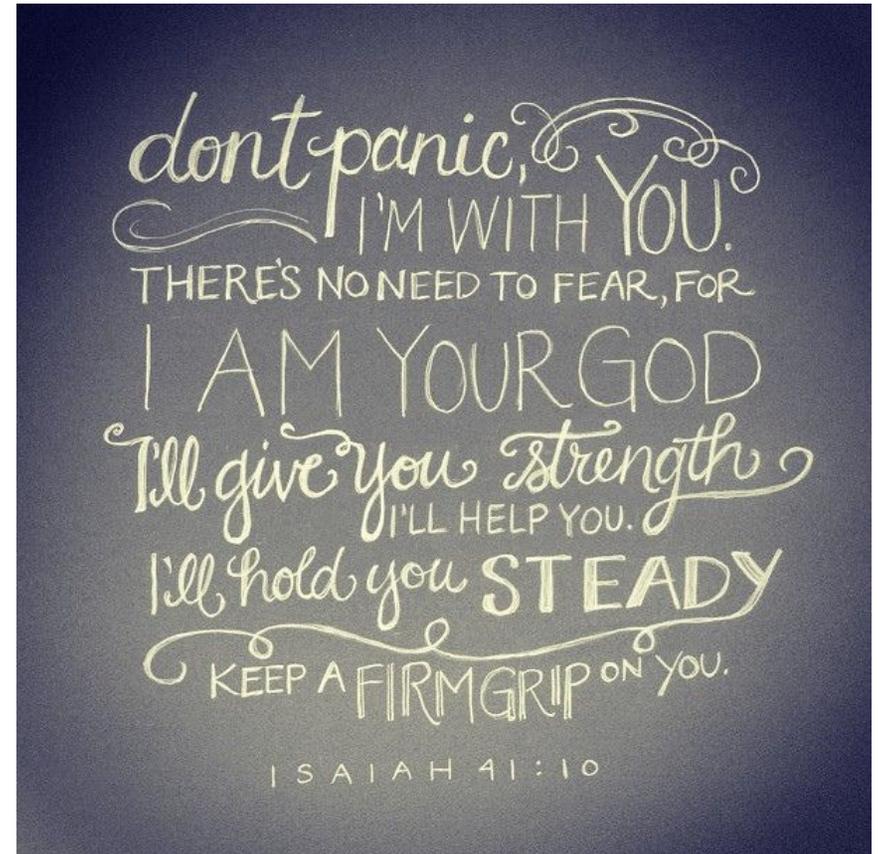
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 28, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Dan Ritter concert at Parkway UCC

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Friday, August 2, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, August 4, 2019

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

Thank you to our Worship Team

- Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough
- Guest Preacher:** Anita Thompson
- Greeters:** Donna Staubus
- Liturgist:** Joanie Anderson
- Music Leaders:** Music Director – Dan Ritter
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
- Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Coming Up

- **National Night Out**
Tuesday, August 6, 6 PM
Free food and music from
World Beat Connection
- **Community Meals**
Monday, August 12, 5:30 PM
Monday, August 26, 5:30 PM
- **Family Movie Night**
Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 PM
- **Rally Sunday**
Sunday, September 15, 10:00 AM
lunch to follow
- **Community Meals**
Monday, September 9, 5:30 PM
Monday, September 23, 5:30 PM
- **Rummage Sale**
Thursday, September 19, 9-5
Friday, September 20, 9-5
Saturday, September 21, 9-1

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I Saw The Light.**

Benediction

Postlude "Allegro Maestoso" G. F. Handel

Announcements

Thank You to Anita Thompson for sharing her witness with us today.

Rev. Linda on vacation starting Monday, 7/15. For Pastoral emergencies, call the church office. She will return 7/30.

Dan Ritter, our organist, will be performing a special concert this afternoon at 4 PM. It will be a farewell concert for his previous church, at Parkway, UCC, 3120 Washburn Avenue, North Mpls. (corner of Lowry and Vincent Avenue North). There will be exciting piano and organ music, as well as a guest soprano. All are welcome.

Loaves and Fishes Help needed!

Columbia Heights Rec holds summer park programs for children from pre-k to 8th grade and we are fortunate enough to have Loaves and Fishes donate lunches for these children all summer! We would love to have wonderful community members volunteer to assist with this free lunch program. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:30am and 1:30pm are the times needing extra hands and would involve meal preparation, meal service and/or clean-up. The 2nd session runs July 8 – August 1. Use this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e48a5a62cabfe3-chreloaves>) to sign-up, or contact Katie Holznel at 763-706-3733 or KHolznel@columbiaheightsmn.gov.

New T-Shirts

If you were in the parade, you probably all ready got your new t-shirt. More are available - \$25 each.

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July 28, 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.

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Be Not Afraid" Bob Dufford, arr. Mark Hayes

*** Gathering Words**

The God who provides us with life lives within us.

This sanctuary is a space of safety where God creates new life.

God of all goodness be here with us now.

As we pray, let us rest in God. Amen.

*** Hymn** "God Will Take Care of You" Red Hymnal #130

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

Prayer to Begin adapted from Carl Koch

We can trust in God's providence because Jesus is always with us. We only need to acknowledge that consoling presence. Jesus assures us, "Where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them." Jesus, your words are filled with hope. As we gather in your name today, you are here to uphold and enlighten us. You are infinitely trustworthy. Let us believe in you completely and rest in your divine presence today and hear you now in our time of silent prayer. . .

(time of silent prayer)

Call to Prayer: *"Give Thanks"* Black Hymnal #2036

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 thank you for the presence of our congregation in this community for 112 years. We are blessed to be a blessing to others through our works, mission and service, and ministries. Continue your guidance in our hope and future for this congregation. Grant us leaders who are faithful, listen and make your purposes clear. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Help us to be bold in our witness, invitation, hospitality, studying, generosity, and creativity. Bless us with new adventures, leaders, visitors, and members! Enlarge our territories. Breakthrough the comfort and complacency zones with bold faith. Help us to grow more in love with you, God, and 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.

Special Music *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* Rogers & Wyse
MethoDivas

Children's Time:

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

Scripture Isaiah 41:10-13 *(from NRSV)*
Luke 1:26-33
Luke 2:8-10

The words inspired by God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Do Not Be Afraid"* Anita Thompson

*** Hymn** *"Blessed Assurance"* Red Hymnal #369
* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

Offertory *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* Doris Akers
MethoDivas

Doxology Red Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, source of all good things, you have blessed your children with many gifts, and each of us can serve and help build your kingdom here on earth. We know at times we have denied our giftedness and dismissed the impact our gifts can have. As we ask you to dedicate our tithes and offerings today, we remind ourselves that you seek not only that we open our wallets but open our hearts and our whole being to the work of making your love and compassion the norm, not the exception in this world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

*** Hymn** *"I Saw the Light"* Hank Williams
* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

**Chorus: I Saw the Light, I Saw the Light,
No more darkness, No more night.**