

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Amazed"

The "B" Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith family, let us worship God today, for God is great –

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

HYMN FWS 2004 "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"

¹ Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

² God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

³ May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught. May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

⁴ As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow, blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course, till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

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CALL TO PRAYER UMH 357 (vs 1) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 191 (vs 1) "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Faith Family Matters
Christ-Centered Appreciation
Philippians 1:3-11

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

HYMN UMH 557 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

¹ Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

² Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

³ We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

⁴ When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE

"All Prayed Up"

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WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE, AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.



CONNECTION CARD

Please place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill one out using our First UMC app or online at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard



online Connection Card

Name(s): _____

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Please add/update my contact information:

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Please have a Pastor contact me

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

Please share only with the Pastors

Please have someone contact me, I am interested in

Volunteering

Membership at First UMC

Growth Groups

Other

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Leon Couch in loving memory of Margaret Wheland Couch, honoring what would have been their 59th wedding anniversary.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up or wish to be part of the team who lifts up prayers, drop an email to prayer@fumcgnv.org or note it on the Connection Card.

MISSION MOMENT - METCALFE ELEMENTARY

Our second-mile giving today supports our partner school, Metcalfe Elementary with half going to purchase cases of copy paper and half will remain in our Metcalfe fund to pay for teacher/staff appreciation events and gifts during the school year. Tomorrow, lunch is being provided by First UMC to the entire staff before the kids return for their first day on Thursday, August 10th. And a big thank you to our United Women in Faith for spearheading our Metcalfe appreciation efforts!

CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information.

FALL KICKOFF BRUNCH AUGUST 26

We are having a fun and music-filled brunch on Saturday, August 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to kick off our Fall 2023 ministries! Save the date on your calendars - childcare will be available. Tickets go on sale TODAY after worship - remember it's not First UMC without U!

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