

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Beth Snarr

Gavin Mcvey

Beth Gibson

Welcome all on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

On this Lenten journey, where do we find God’s presence among us?

One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

On this Lenten journey, how does God’s presence work among us?

One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

On this Lenten journey, what does God’s presence do in our midst?

One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

We are on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

HYMN

UMH 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

¹ Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

² He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

³ He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

⁴ To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, and conflict and caring link arms.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that calls us to work for change, to bear responsibility, to take risks, and to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 33

Tiffany Adams and Kim Rowe, Madison Dymment and Drew Brown,
Martha and Bill Emerson, Ray and Kaye Garbett, Nathan and Ashley Ordway,
Natasha Roberts, Charles Sanders-Ekbladh, Brenda South

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Kyrie” from Requiem

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER

UMH 405

“Seek Ye First”

¹ Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

² Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN

FWS 2233

“Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

Living Inside Out

Appear

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pastor Beth Snarr

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

- ¹ Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- ² Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
- ³ Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.

Gavan Mcvey

CONNECTION CARD

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- Other

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

- ☐ Please share only with the Pastors

Today's altar flowers are given by Pastor Beth Snarr in celebration of the 50th birthday of her forever friend, Niki Small.

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@fumcgv.org.

The second-mile offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative costs.

We're glad you're worshiping with us today!

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.

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