

WELCOME		Pastor Harold Henderson
PRELUDE	"Fantasy on KINGSFOLD" <i>arr. Dean Wagner</i>	Celebration Ringers
CALL TO WORSHIP		Barbara Simmons
We gather this day, stranger and friend, known and unknown, all loved by God. We gather to worship. To offer concern and joy. To be reminded to love as we have been loved. So let us worship God.		
HYMN	UMH 117	"O God Our Help In Ages Past"
¹ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!		
² Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.		
³ Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.		
⁴ A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.		
⁵ Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.		
⁶ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
We believe in God, who is love and whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people.		
We follow Christ, who embodied God's love in his life and ministry, his death, and resurrection.		
We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love, we participate in the Church, the Body of Christ, through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.		
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.		
RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Be Thou My Vision" <i>arr. Dan Miller</i>	Chancel Choir
CALL TO PRAYER	UMH 378	"Amazing Grace"
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Pastor Alan Taylor
LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895	
HYMN	FWS 2233	"Where Children Belong"
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Sandy Reeves
SERMON	This is the Way The Grace of Companionship <i>Psalms 121</i>	Pastor Harold Henderson
HYMN	FWS 2172	"We Are Called"
¹ Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! <i>We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!</i>		
² Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!		
³ Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!		

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

Gavan Mcvey

CONNECTION CARD

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

Name(s): _____

☐ Member ☐ Guest ☐ Regular Attendee

☐ Mobile

Please add/update my contact information:

☐ Home

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

☐ Please add me to your email list

Please have someone contact me, I am interested in

☐ Please have a Pastor contact me

☐ Volunteering

☐ Membership at First UMC

☐ Growth Groups

☐ Other

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

☐ Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Mike Woodruff in honor of his and Cindy's 20th 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@fumcgvn.org.

CONNECTION CARDS

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.

BIBLE 365

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., we will show the *Bible Year* video for the next week's readings in the Epworth Parlor. Everyone is invited to join us.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

We will be holding our Exploring Membership classes on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting February 26. If you are interested in learning more about First UMC and who we are as United Methodist followers of Jesus, contact Pastor Beth at beth@fumcgvn.org.

MASKS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask while in worship, but if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so.

WEEKLY WELCOME

A copy of our Weekly Welcome newsletter is available on the the Welcome Table if you wish to take one and see all the latest news and information at First UMC. If you want to receive a copy via email, simply note that on the Connection Card or drop an email to contact@fumcgvn.org.

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