

Easter



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OPEN MINDS
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WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
arr. Joel Raney

Brass Ensemble

HYMN UMH 302 (vs 1-4)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

- ¹ Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- ² Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- ³ Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- ⁴ Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Elise Caton

We believe even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias”, we belong to God.

We believe Jesus died and rose for the whole world. And there is nothing that can keep God’s love at bay.

So with great gratitude, we make this good news declaration: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God!

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

“To the Lamb on the Throne” Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
Dan Forrest

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2025

“As The Deer”

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG UMH 156

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

The Good News Is...
Alive In The World
Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Beth Snarr

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner and Jennifer Miller

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.



HYMN W&S 3122

“Christ Has Broken Down The Wall”

- ¹ Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.
- ² We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.
- ³ Cast aside your doubts and fears, cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.
- ⁴ We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall! God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the wall! Christ has broken down the wall!

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

“Toccata on Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
Diane Bish

Maggie Tran

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A special thank you to those providing today's music

Michael Ekbladh, *Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts*

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner, *piano*

Maggie Tran, *organ*

Chancel Choir

Easter Brass Ensemble

Justin Haller, *Trombone*

Ryan Hecker, *Timpani*

Ethan Kominsky, *Trumpet*

Drew Miller, *Trumpet*

Gabriel Zelaya, *Trombone*

Harrison Zunkel, *Horn*

Today's altar flowers are given by Sandy Evans and Karen Harris in memory of Sandy's mother, Mayme Evans.

Special thanks to those who made our Sanctuary “bloom” with the beauty of fresh flowers and more this Easter! Palm fronds from last week's Palm Sunday worship service were used in our Easter Sunday flower cross in recognition of Jesus' selfless journey through the events of Holy Week. From Hosanna, to the Last Supper, to the Cross, to the Empty Tomb, Christ is with us!

He is with us indeed!

We hope you can return for our Sunday worship. We worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary and online at <https://fumcgnv.org/watch>. Check out all our events and ministries on our website at <https://www.fumcgnv.org> - especially our Growth Groups and ways to serve as Christ's hands and feet here on our church campus and beyond our walls!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



The light of Jesus shines most brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve



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EASTER LILIES

Our Sanctuary is adorned with these flowers to the glory of God and in dedication to loved ones. Listed below are the many who have joined together to create this lovely worship space.

IN HONOR OF

- Brendan and Dalis Shortley, and their beautiful sons, Brendan, Jr. and Michael**
by Sally Cravens
- Ricki and Doug Kirk**
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- Our sons, Michael, Glen, and Donnie**
by Kay and Dan Greathouse
- Trudy Harris and Diane Loyless**
by Kathy and Harold Henderson
- Our FaithWorks community**
by Steve and Betty Kee
- Hamid, Mitra, and Janan**
by Lynda Knight
- Our family**
by Jim and Linda Kurtz
- Our daughters, Chrissy and Valerie, and their families**
by Larry and Cheryl Resch
- Our parents, Richard and Karen Snarr, and Tom and Carol Morris**
by Phil and Beth Snarr
- My sons and families**
by Joanie Thompson
- My children and grandchildren**
by Joan Van Winkle
- To the glory of God**
by the Maranatha Class

IN MEMORY OF

- My grandmother, Annie Cannon Pound**
by Betty Alsobrook
- Our parents**
by John Bevis and Alan Taylor
- Cece Alford- our little ecmo sister**
by Katie and Carl
- Our loving mother and grandmother, Ruth Kuipers; Aunt Ann Anderson; and grandmother and great grandmother, Bette Carpenter**
by the Carpenter family
- John and Mary Dean Bunch**
by the Court family
- Bill and Mary Anne Jensen**
by the Court family
- Susan Weed**
by the Court family
- Pat and Charlie Covey**
by Dean Covey

Michael O'Donnell

by Dorothy Covey

- Mrs. Mayme E. Evans, Mr. Andrew J. Evans, Mrs. Teresa R. Livingston, Mr. Henry T. Harris, Mrs. French L. Alkire, and Mr. French L. Alkire**
by Sandy Evans, Karen Harris, Wesley Evans, and Sarah Evans

Cuco and Diana

by Diana and Loyce

- My daughter, Laura, and my husband, Jim**
by Lynda Knight

Our parents, Mala and Ben Hinton, and Fred and Kathryn Lawrence

by Mala and Parker Lawrence

- My wife, Grace Nelson, and sons, Scott Nelson and Steve Nelson**

by Ole Nelson

Charles and Betty Bell, and Frank and Betty O'Byrne

by the O'Byrne family

- Mom, Dad, Janet, Jeff, and my late husband, Frank Oquendo**

by Joanne Oquendo

Our parents, Robert and Anita Sullins, and Ronald and Joan Resch

by Larry and Cheryl Resch

Rowland and Elaine Medler

by their daughters Jan, Marilee, and Sue

- Family and friends who live in my heart every day**

by Carol Ray Skipper

Our dear friend, Paul Smail

by Phil and Beth Snarr

My husband and parents

by Joanie Thompson

Mazie Daniel Bass

by Terry and Suzanne Thornsburg

Stella (Peggy) Lee Wright

by Terry and Suzanne Thornsburg

Budd Udell

by Marlene Udell

My husband, Bob

by Joan Van Winkle

- Nancy Wickersham, Carol's step-mother and good friend**

by Joe and Carol Ward

Ellen Yates

by Robert Yates