WORSHIP GUIDE

August 25, 2024 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Harold Henderson

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Doug Ray

Gather us in, O God,

your people are here to worship!

Hold us in faith, O God,

we are here to serve.

Send us in hope, O God,

we are here to follow.

HYMN UMH 545 (vss, 1, 2, 5) "The Church's One Foundation"

- ¹ The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- ² Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
- ⁵ Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.

We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter, and sharers of tears.

We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom, and peace.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Dakota Hymn" Chancel Choir and Cameron Perrin

arr. Heather Sorenson

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 3) "Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON It's Not First UMC Without U! Pastor Beth Snarr

Arranged

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

HYMN UMH 558 "We Are The Church"

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

- ¹ The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
- ² We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.
- ³ Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.
- ⁴ And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
- ⁵ At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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

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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Charles & Linda Williams in celebration of their 60th 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 go to https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest.

MISSION MOMENT - HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

It's that time of the year when we start thinking about our annual Holiday Marketplace fundraiser to be held in November. The Marketplace is asking for gift card donations to be used for their always-popular gift baskets. More information is available outside the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who continues to financially support our church over the summer. The pace of activity slows down this time of the year, but the bills keep on coming!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series is titled "It's Not First UMC without U". The summer is coming to close and a new season of ministry stretches out before our faith family. God calls and equips every individual to make a positive difference as we work together as the body of Christ on our campus, in our community, and around our world. How are U helping First UMC be the best WE can be? Not for our glory, but for God's! Interested in ways to serve here at First UMC? Visit our web page using the QR code or go to https://fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve.



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