

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Kee

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

HYMN FWS 2248 "Baptized In Water"

¹ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

² Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

³ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed as God's beloved Son; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us, and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.

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

"Set Me As a Seal"
John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2128 (vs 1) "Come And Find The Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG 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

SERMON

"Just Beloved"
Acts 8:26-40

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COVENANT OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

HYMN UMH 545 (vss 1, 2, 4, 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.

⁴ Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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.

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

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 Mary Keitt Moore in loving memory of her parents Malcolm & Rosa Alday, her brother Buddy, and her husband Bob.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - JANUARY 21-28

We will be hosting homeless families here at First UMC January 21-28 and need volunteers to set up Sunday School rooms as bedrooms for the week, provide food for the families, and stay with the families in shifts from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. each day. For more information, contact Kim Hasko at familypromise@fumcgnv.org or sign up online at <https://fumcgnv.org/FamilyPromise>.

MISSION MOMENT

Today is Human Relations Sunday where we recognize the right of all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings and in relationship with one another. The second mile offering will benefit neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday. The office will reopen and the staff back to work on Tuesday, January 16.

SAVE THE DATE - CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF ON JANUARY 21

We will hold a kickoff celebration for the final phase of our Capital Campaign that was started in 2006. The celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

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