

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
arr. Gordon Young

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day of new beginnings!

This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.

Let us be prepared for service to God. Amen.

HYMN UMH 110

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

¹ A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

² Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

³ And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

⁴ That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of grace. We follow the Teacher of love. We live by the Spirit of mercy. We trust God's healing of the world.

When people spread fear and division, when evil, injustice and oppression thrive, no political revolution, program, or platform will save us, but only a people transformed by grace and light, and a bold and sustained outbreak of gentleness.

We will stand up to cynicism, hate and indifference, and blanket this world with compassion, calm and mercy.

We pray for open hearts and a spirit of deep listening.

We pray for courage to enter the wounds of the world; for a spirit of peace to face violence with nonviolence; for patience to answer darkness with light.

We pray for humility to offer ourselves as the first to be changed.

We give thanks for the great spirit of grace already breathing in us, already rising, in hope and love, as people of 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

"Do Not Be Afraid"
Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2007

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Dios!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

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. Let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

"What's In Your Suitcase?"
Pack: Love and Unpack: Fear
Psalm 46

Pastor Beth Snarr

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 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.

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

"Fugue from *Tocatta, Adagio, and Fugue*"
Johann Sebastian Bach

Gavan Mcvey

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by the O'Byrne family in loving memory of their parents, Frank and Betty O'Byrne.

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.

SUNDAY MISSION MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission moment this week is our Community Outreach Ministry that provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY!

Today we are starting our Summer Sermon Series titled "What's In Your Suitcase?" where we will explore the Psalms to see where God is found in the ups and downs of life. At this time of year, when many of us are packing our suitcases for summer adventures, this series explores the "fruit of the spirit must-haves" on our packing list for the daily adventure of life. We'll also identify what things we need to unpack that weigh us down and keep us from traveling "light"!

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