

WELCOME
PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Beth Snarr
Gavan Mcvey
Pastor Harold Henderson

We gather as God’s beloved children –
however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
so this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other –
let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 185 “When Morning Gilds The Skies”
¹ When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
² The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
³ Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven’s eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
⁴ Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th’ eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 Apostles Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

CHILDREN’S HOME PRESENTATION
RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC “Steal Away” Lacy Patton & Elvis Gomez
arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 378 (vs 5) “Amazing Grace”
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Harold Henderson
LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN FWS 2233 “Where Children Belong”
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON This is the Way Pastor Beth Snarr
The Grace of Commitment
Psalm 112:1-9

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” Lacy Patton & Elvis Gomez
arr. Lloyd Larson

HYMN UMH 452 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”
¹ My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!
² May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
³ While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
⁴ When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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 fumcgmv.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): ☐ Member ☐ Guest ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Mobile

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Address:

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☐ Please have someone contact me, I am interested in ☐ 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 Janet & Paul Howard in loving memory of their grandson, Dylan Paul Howard.

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@fumcgmv.org.

MISSION MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

This week's second-mile giving is in support of our Community Outreach Ministry that helps families in our community to avoid eviction, utility cut-off, and other basic needs. COM meets with clients every Monday and, due to inflation, are spending more each month to help those in need. Please consider helping COM with a donation so they can continue to help others - mark your check or online donation with "COM".

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.


ROBERT (BJ) JACKSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Celebration of Life for BJ will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service.


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.


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