

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

"Aria Cantabile"
Samuel Wesley

Anait Piloyan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Rocap

We gather in thanksgiving and hope.
Come, Holy One. Create, renew, and transform.
Create in us clean hearts, O God, hearts that seek You above all else.
Renew a right spirit within us, so we may love You with our whole heart.

HYMN UMH 158

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

¹ Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

² Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

³ Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Cindy and Mike Woodruff

Ruth Duck

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 420 (vs 1)

"Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG UMH 191

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

The Altogether Christian

Pastor Harold Henderson

The Altogether Heart

Jeremiah 31:31-33; Ezekiel 36:26-28; Matthew 22:34-40

HYMN FWS 2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

¹ We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

² We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

³ We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

⁴ All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

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

"Trumpet in C"
John Stanley

Pastor Harold Henderson

Anait Piloyan

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS
Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Donna Parrish in loving celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

PRAYER CONCERNS
If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at prayer@fumcgnv.org or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - METCALFE ELEMENTARY
The mission focus today is on our school/church partnership with Metcalfe Elementary School We have been in partnership with Metcalfe for nine years and provided lunch for the teachers and staff during this past planning week. Our second-mile gifts for today will help purchase classroom supplies for them again this year. Please note "Metcalfe" on your gift.

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY
THE ALTOGETHER CHRISTIAN
Today, we are starting a new sermon series titled "The Altogether Christian" that draws its inspiration from a sermon by John Wesley where he warned an Oxford church full of biblical scholars and people training to be clergy that it's possible to be almost a Christian without being altogether a Christian. We can be sincere, moral, and faithful in Christian practices while missing the transforming power of deep, saving trust in God. We can be followers of Christ in name, yet hold back from pursuing a life fully shaped by the Great Commandment.
At the center of our journey to a vital, holistic faith stands Jesus' call to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love all our neighbors as ourselves. The repetition of the word all is not accidental. Following Jesus is not partial, occasional, or compartmentalized. It's a life given over completely to God's love being made real in us and through us.

TALENT SHOW AND SPAGHETTI DINNER - AUGUST 15
The Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner will be held on August 15 and is an opportunity to see the talent we have here at First UMC along with eating an enjoyable spaghetti dinner provided by our United Women in Faith! Seating is limited and reservations are required. You can reserve your seat online via the First UMC home page or by contacting the Church Office. Contact Michael Ekbladh at michael@fumcgnv.org for more information.

COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY
A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!

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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