

# WORSHIP GUIDE

April 28, 2024  
5th Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"  
*arr. Mark Arnold*

Celebration Ringers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Gibson

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens;

**your faithfulness to the skies.**

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains;

**your justice like the great deep.**

We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**We celebrate your incredible love today.**

## HYMN UMH 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

<sup>1</sup> Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

<sup>2</sup> Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

<sup>3</sup> Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

<sup>4</sup> Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Creator, who invites us to affirm and explore who we are, with all our differences; and who is the source of our faith.**

**We believe in God the Savior revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church.**

**We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit, who is always with us bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.**

**We believe that our smallness can never diminish God's vastness; that our frailties can never overcome God's will for wholeness.**

**We believe we need one another, as a choir needs every voice and every part for the harmony to be complete.**

**We believe, may our lives reflect our belief.**

## 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

"The Resurrection and the Book"  
*music and dialog by Tammy Waldrop*

Karin Jeter, Cindy Woodruff,  
and Celebration Ringers

## CALL TO PRAYER

"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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

## 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

Shine!  
*1 John 4:7-21*

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 572

“Pass It On”

- <sup>1</sup> It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.
- <sup>2</sup> What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it; you want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
- <sup>3</sup> I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound. I’ll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

**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**

“Fanfare”  
*Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

Gavan Mcvey

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today’s altar flowers are given by Harold & Kathy Henderson in loving memory of Kathy’s son, Eric Anderson.

**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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

**MISSION MOMENT - NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

This Special Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world and this offering supports vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and partnerships with Native American ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next church council meeting will be held via zoom this Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend by using the QR code. Questions? Please contact Dan Greathouse at [kdgreathouse@mac.com](mailto:kdgreathouse@mac.com).



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