

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"The Gift of Love"
Douglas Wagner

Pastor Beth Snarr
5x5 Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 others.
Let us worship God.

Ashley Ordway

HYMN UMH 101

"From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

1

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise; let the Redeemer’s name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

2

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

3

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring, in songs of praise divinely sing; the great salvation loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior’s name.

4

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong; in cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Loving God, we are yours. We belong to you who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.
Christ, we are yours. You have loved us, healed us, called us, and anointed us with your Spirit. We belong to your death and resurrection and ministry.
Holy Spirit, we are yours. By your grace we belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gift of participating in the healing of the world.
God, as your beloved and through your strength, we devote ourselves wholly and joyfully to this work, together.

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

PRESENTATION OF KINDERGARTEN BIBLES

Janan Ghasemi, Camden Ordway, Magnolia Ordway

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Douglas Wagner

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CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 1)

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

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

Triple Citizenship
Citizens of the Kingdom of God
Matthew 6:25-33

Pastor Beth Snarr

HYMN UMH 405

"Seek Ye First"

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

2

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!



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

"Postlude"

Leon Boëllmann

Anait Piloyan

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by
Marlene Udell in memory of Buddy Udell, Vor and Bonnie Udell, Florence Doolittle, and James Burgin,
and by
Carol Ray Skipper in memory of her mother- in-law, Jewell Ray Penland, who lived to be 103.
The flowers on the Welcome Table are in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Karen Harris and Sandy Evans.

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>.

OUR SERMON SERIES - TRIPLE CITIZENSHIP

Our sermon series is titled "Triple Citizenship". As followers of Jesus who live in the US, most of us claim three overlapping identities: citizens of the world, citizens of the United States, and citizens of God's Kingdom. Each citizenship carries responsibilities and sometimes tensions. This series explores Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount that give us direction on how to hold them together faithfully. However, when our citizenships collide, which one gets the final word? Jesus' answer throughout Matthew 5-7 is the Kingdom of God.



MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission focus for today is our Community Outreach Ministry that provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges in addition to hosting an emergency food pantry for their clients. The COM food pantry accepts such things as hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal and long-life milk (not powdered), and protein items such as tuna, canned chicken, and beanie weenies. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this vital ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES POSTPONED

We have postponed holding our Exploring Membership classes for October but will let you know when they are rescheduled! Questions? Please contact Janet Rocap, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at janet@fumcgnv.org.

LAST SIMPLE SUNDAY LUNCH OF 2026 NEXT SUNDAY

Our final Simple Sunday Lunch for 2026 will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday, October 25. A special thank you to Tony and Donna Witts and everyone who helped make these lunches happen by buying the food, cooking the food, setting up the room, and cleaning up afterward! To make this final time of fellowship as big of a success as the previous lunches, we need folks for the "those who make it happen" team and you will have the opportunity to sign up to help after worship, or you can also contact Donna Witts at mejabebe@me.com. Remember, **it's not First UMC without U!**

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with our Holiday Marketplace on November 6-8. Please visit their table after worship today to see how you can help make this ministry successful again this year!



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

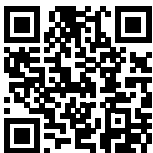
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