

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"
arr. Dale Wagner

Celebration Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you need good news,

settle into this space. We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,

then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

If you need a glimmer of joy,

then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

then know that this is God's house.

This is the good news of the gospel.

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

HYMN UMH 557

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

¹ Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

² Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

³ We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

⁴ When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.

I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world.

Thanks be to God! 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

RESIDING HOPE PRESENTATION

Elisabeth Gadd

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT

Lee McNamara

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Dale Wagner

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CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2025

"As The Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG UMH 156

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

The Good News Is...
Together, The Impossible Is Possible
Mark 6:30-44

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HYMN

“Human Minds Just Can’t Imagine”

- ¹ Human minds just can’t imagine all that God can bring to bear through our small and separate beings, even when we join to share. Still we follow where Christ leads us, many pieces of one whole that we might allow our dreaming to transform our broken world.
- ² God, expand our dreams and vision when we think our gifts too small. Help us trust your great provision and to answer when you call. You who gave us time and talents will uphold and see us through. As we join together in the work you’ve given us to do.
- ³ Like the grains of wheat are gathered from the vast and rolling fields, like the grapes from viny branches whose small fruit the wine will yield, we re-member as one body, each of us a crucial part in the global church professing: we belong to God’s own heart.

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 Tune”
arr. Dale Wagner

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given anonymously. This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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@fumcgvn.org or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

OUR SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Our current sermon series is titled “Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent”. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it’s not necessarily comfortable. Jesus’ ministry can be described as “radical” which comes from the Latin word “radicalis” meaning “root” or “ground”. Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be “good news” people in a world too often burdened by bad news? Yes! We can and we must!



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!



One of our Stephen Ministers are present each week at the Service of Holy Communion if you need someone to talk to and/or to pray with you after the service. Our Stephen Ministers are lay persons who share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need. Have questions about Stephen Ministry? Contact them at StephenMinisters@fumcgvn.org.

SCOUT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Today we welcome scouts and their families from BSA Troops 84 and 21, and our Cub Scout Pack 127! We’re very grateful to remain a vital part of supporting the ministry of Scouting that teaches life skills, builds character, and much more. Please continue to pray for all our Scouts and their dedicated adult leaders.

Also, all are invited to attend **Troop 84’s Centennial Celebration** on Sunday, May 16, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Save the date - more details to come!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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 fumcgvn.org/ways-to-serve



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