

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Peyser

People of God! Why have you come?

We have come to celebrate God's healing presence among us.

Servants of God! Why have you come?

We have come to be refreshed, to be renewed, to be sent out.

Children of God! Why have you come?

We have come to worship together.

Then let us do so with joy and gladness!

HYMN UMH 408 "The Gift of Love"

¹ Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

² Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

³ Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Open Thou Mine Eyes"
Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 3) "Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG

"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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

It's Not First UMC Without U!
Ambassadors
1 Corinthians 13

Pastor Harold Henderson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

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

Carl Rocard and Mike Woodruff

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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom & Carol Morris as a huge thank you for our wonderful First UMC staff & leadership teams for all their efforts to provide a loving, justice-seeking, mission-oriented church where our faith family can serve and be served.

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 or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

The church will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday. The Church office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.

SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series titled "It's Not First UMC without U" ends today. The summer has come to a close but a new season of ministry stretches out before our faith family. God calls and equips every individual to make a positive difference as we work together as the body of Christ on our campus, in our community, and around our world. How are U helping First UMC be the best WE can be? Not for our glory, but for God's! Interested in ways to serve here at First UMC? Visit our web page using the QR code or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve>.



Ways to Serve web page

Next week we will begin a new sermon series titled "Wesleyan Rooted" where we will explore our life in Christ, from a Wesleyan perspective, that involves growth in grace and love. Our lives are rooted in God's unbounded love and transformed by God's universal grace. This series will challenge us to embrace six practices that will deepen our personal discipleship and expand the positive impact of our Christ-centered congregation.

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