

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Beth Snarr

Gavan Mcvey

Steve Kee

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.
With bright eyes, let us search.
This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.
With engaged minds, let us ponder.
This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.
With compassionate hearts, let us feel.
This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.
With humble intention, let us act.
This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.
With strong voices, let us sing.

HYMN UMH 368 “My Hope is Built”
¹ My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
² When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
³ His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
⁴ When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We believe in you God, Opener of Tombs. Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.
We believe in you Jesus Christ, Faithful Witness. You pick open the locked doors of our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.
We believe in you Holy Spirit, Wellspring of Hope. You show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy.

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.

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
arr John Carter

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 707 (vs 2) “Hymn Of Promise”
There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there’s a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN FWS 2233 “Where Children Belong”
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

Got Hope?
John 20:19-31

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HYMN UMH 310 “He Lives”
¹ I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he’s always near.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
² In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last.
³ Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.

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

Gavan Mcvey

CONNECTION CARD



Please place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill one out using our First UMC app or online at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Jim and Lynda Knight in loving memory of Laura, on what would have been her 50th birthday.

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 note it on the Connection Card.

REQUIEM PREMIERE NEXT SUNDAY

If you are planning to attend the Requiem premiere on-campus next Sunday, please be aware that parking may be limited due to the Friends of Library book sale that weekend.

RESULTS OF CHARGE CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Elise Caton who was approved by the Charge Conference this past week to move forward on her journey to be an ordained deacon!

HELP NEEDED AFTER WORSHIP

We need some help after worship today moving the altar and some other furniture off of the Chancel in preparation for next week's Requiem. Many hands make quick and easy work!

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY - GOT HOPE?

The Easter season is about living into the new reality of the resurrected Christ. The shocking news that death isn't the end of the human story takes some reorientation to begin to understand the implications of such a profound truth. So, the 50 days of Eastertide is when we let this knowledge wash over us, and we begin, with joy, to embrace this new way of living. Our "Got Hope?" sermon series will explore this living hope that's available to us in the midst of any hardships that come our way as individuals and as a community of faith. Got hope?... you bet we do!

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