

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"
arr. Arnold Sherman

Celebration Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

With eyes to see

and ears to hear,

with lips to sing

and hands to help,

let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

HYMN UMH 158

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

¹ Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

² Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

³ Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our joy and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Go Not Far From Me, O God"
Nicola Zingarelli

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2193

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Come To Your Senses!

Pastor Beth Snarr

Hear

John 11:17-44

HYMN UMH 369

"Blessed Assurance"

¹ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

² Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

³ Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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 this out online using our First UMC app or at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): _____

Member Guest Regular Attendee

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Please add me to your email list

Please have the Pastor contact me

I would like to volunteer, please have someone contact me

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Flo Caldwell in loving memory of her parents and son, Dennis.

CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

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.

BLANKETS FOR HELPING HANDS

We are collecting blankets for Helping Hands Clinic to distribute since the weather is turning colder. The blankets can be dropped off in the Narthex before Sunday worship or in the church office during the week.

COMMUNION SERVERS

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and we are putting together a team of volunteers to help serve communion. If you are interested, please contact Kay Greathouse at communion@fumcgnv.org.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE NEEDS BAGS

Holiday Marketplace starts soon and we need **paper bags with handles** for our checkout stations so people can easily carry their purchases home. We need all different sizes and you can drop them off in the Narthex on Sundays or the church office during the week.

MASKS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask while in worship, but if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so.

WEEKLY WELCOME

A copy of our Weekly Welcome newsletter is available on the the Welcome Table if you wish to take one and see all the latest news and information at First UMC. If you want to receive a copy via email, simply note that on the Connection Card or drop an email to contact@fumcgnv.org.

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