

WELCOME		Pastor Beth Snarr
PRELUDE	"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" <i>arr. Canadian Brass</i>	Brass Ensemble
CALL TO WORSHIP		Nathan Ordway
God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.		
My spirit answers, here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.		
God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.		
Together we answer, here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.		
God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?		
Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.		
HYMN	UMH 500 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 5) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"	
¹ Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.		
² I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.		
⁴ Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.		
⁵ Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.		
We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.		
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.		
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 BIBLE	Kindergarten: Carl Alford	
RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" <i>arr. Hal Hopson</i>	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	
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	Together We Thrive! Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow <i>Psalms 145</i>	Pastor Beth Snarr
HYMN	UMH 577 "God Of Grace And God Of Glory"	
¹ God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.		
² Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.		
³ Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.		
⁴ Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.		

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

Brass Ensemble

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by John Bevis in loving celebration of his 8th wedding anniversary to Alan.

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>.

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission focus for today is on our Community Outreach Ministry. COM provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY!

Our new Sermon Series starts today and is titled "Together We Thrive!". The words of the beloved hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was written by Rev. Thomas O. Chisholm in 1923 who was ordained a Methodist minister in 1903, but served only a single, brief appointment at Scottsville, Kentucky, due to ill health. Despite this unexpected adversity, Rev. Chisholm saw God's faithful hand in the gifts that still surround him, and it was in that spirit of generous gratitude he not only survived, but he thrived! This three-week stewardship series uses both the Psalms and this classic hymn to guide, encourage, and challenge us to be faithful caretakers of the gifts we've been given. As together, we love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously, and give generously, the ministries of First UMC will THRIVE!



COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief Service of Holy Communion (approximately 15 minutes) will be held in the front of the Sanctuary 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@fumcgnv.org.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE FINAL SALE AFTER WORSHIP

Holiday Marketplace will have their final day of sales until 2:00 p.m. today. Stop by for some great deals on your holiday shopping! Your help is also needed at 2:00 p.m. as they begin to tear down and put away the Marketplace.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RUMMAGE SALE - NOVEMBER 15

Our United Women in Faith will be holding their rummage sale again this year on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. until noon to support missions with an emphasis on those impacting women, children, and youth.

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 fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

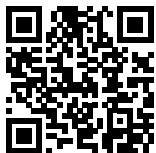


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