

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
*arr. John Purifoy*

Instrumental Ensemble

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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Welcome all on the way to the cross.

**We are learning to follow Jesus.**

The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

**Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**

All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

**Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.**

Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

**Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.**

We are on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

## HYMN UMH 98

"To God Be the Glory"

<sup>1</sup> To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

<sup>2</sup> O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

<sup>3</sup> Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, Creator and Creating; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, and sustains us in our suffering.**

**We follow Jesus Christ. In him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair.**

**By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church, to seek justice and resist evil and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.**

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## 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

"Dry Bones"  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

Chancel Choir & Instrumental Ensemble

### CALL TO PRAYER UMH 405

"Seek Ye First"

<sup>1</sup> Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

<sup>2</sup> Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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### 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

Living Inside Out  
Adhere  
*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Pastor Harold Henderson

**HYMN** UMH 420

“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God”

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

**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**

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

- Please share only with the Pastors

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse in celebration of the marriage of Madelyn "Snowflake" and Toby.

**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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

We will have on-campus and online services for Holy Week!

- Palm Sunday - April 2 at 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday - April 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday - April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday - April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

**EASTER LILIES**

Help make the Sanctuary even more beautiful this Easter by purchasing Easter Lilies. Each lily is \$12 and can be purchased before/after worship, from the Church Office during the week, or online via the First UMC web site (<https://fumcgnv.org>).

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