WORSHIP GUIDE

October 1, 2023

18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

Pastor Harold Henderson

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr **PRELUDE** Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP Our world is so divided, fragmented by anger and hate.

Lord, draw us together at the table of our Lord.

Heal our wounds and build bridges of help and hope for all people.

Lord, meet us at the table and feed us with your healing words.

Lord, call us together to feast on your mercy and goodness.

Nourish us with words of peace that we may go into your world with love and compassion for all your people.

HYMN UMH 139

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- ¹ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
- ² Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e're in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
- ³ Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
- ⁴ Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
- ⁵ Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

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.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH pg 33

Bill & Cathy Alsmeyer, Drew Brown, Madison Dyment, Debra Johnson, Cal King, James & Karen Mentz, Joanne Oquendo, Erik Soderstrom, Garrett Stevens, Dana & Terese Thune

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" Jody Lindh

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER W&S 3008

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 277 (vs 2)

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

² First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Wonderful Words of Life Abraham's Awakening Genesis 22:1-14

Pastor Beth Snarr

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Both gluten-free and pre-packaged communion elements are available from the center communion server.

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Gavan Mcvey

HYMN UMH 64

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

- ¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- ² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt he
- ³ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- ⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

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.



Please use the Connection Card for any questions, comments, or prayer requests you may have and place 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 Name(s): $_{\perp}$ Please have a Pastor contact me Please have someone contact me, I am interested in Volunteering Membership at First UMC Please add me to your email list Growth Groups Other My contact information: ☐ Mobile Home Email: _ Phone: _ Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests Please share only with the Pastors

CONNECTION CARD

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Harold & Kathy Henderson in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity and this sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK STARTS TODAY!

We are hosting two families in Bell Hall starting today and we still need some volunteers! Contact Kim Hasko at FamilyPromise@fumcgnv.org with any questions or to see where you are needed.

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