

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Anait Piloyan and Michael Knowles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Resch

Into this world we are born

into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

Into this day we awake

into possibility and the unknown.

Into this church we are welcomed

into God's grace and each other's hearts.

So let us worship our God this day, we who are called and loved.

HYMN UMH 152 "I Sing The Almighty Power Of God"

¹ I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

² I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

³ There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whose Word creates all that is, whose Wisdom is life itself.

We follow Jesus, God's Word made flesh, who taught and healed, who loved and liberated, and who continually renews in us the ways of God's love.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's loving Wisdom alive in us. By God's Spirit, as the Body of Christ, we live in the way of Jesus, choosing love and forgiveness, healing and justice.

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

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Seasons of our Silence"
Sondra Ford

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Wesleyan Rooted
Read Faithfully
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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HYMN UMH 117 "O God Our Help In Ages Past"

¹ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

² Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

³ Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

⁴ A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

⁵ Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

⁶ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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

"Fanfare"
C. S. Lang

Maggie Tran

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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.



CONNECTION CARD

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Margaret Steptoe in loving memory of her husband Billy and in honor of her children and grandchildren.

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>.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Exploring Membership classes offer opportunities to learn more about First UMC and who we are as United Methodist followers of Jesus. The series of three, one-hour classes start next Sunday, September 22 in Bell Hall, Room B210 starting at 9:15 a.m. Childcare will be available. For those who are ready, you can join as a member of First UMC on Sunday, October 13. Please contact Janet Rocap at janet@fumcgnv.org if you have questions or want to sign up.

GROWTH GROUPS

For a complete listing of all our growth group opportunities, please visit our web page at <https://fumcgnv.org/GrowthGroups>.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Our new new sermon series is titled "Wesleyan Rooted" where we explore our life in Christ, from a Wesleyan perspective, that involves growth in grace and love. Our lives are rooted in God's unbounded love and transformed by God's universal grace. The Christian journey entails the restoration of God's image in our lives and growth into deeper levels of love for God and neighbor. This series explores and challenges us to embrace six practices that will deepen our personal discipleship and expand the positive impact of our Christ-centered congregation.



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