

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

"Our Father"

B Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Caton

God of grace, we praise you.

God of love, we worship you.

In what we thought was barrenness, you have hidden abundance.

In the ordinary, you have created the miraculous.

In what was threatening, you have accompanied us.

Your presence is astounding. You shake us up and you deliver us. We open our hearts in worship to you.

HYMN UMH 378 (vss 1, 2, 3, 6)

"Amazing Grace"

¹ Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

² 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

³ Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

⁶ When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We give our hearts to God, the Creator of all that is and all that is to come, who is present everywhere and in each moment.

We follow Jesus, our teacher and healer, who has compassion on all people. He leads us to seek God in activity and in quiet, in ministry and in solitude, in words and in silence.

We live by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in and among us who empowers us to live with forgiveness and compassion, to proclaim Christ's way of living, and to give of ourselves in ministry, for the sake of the healing of the world.

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

"Have a Little Talk with Jesus"

B Team

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2007

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Dios!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

"What's In Your Suitcase?"

Elise Caton

Pack: Patience and Unpack: Self-Doubt

Psalm 40

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

"I'll Fly Away"

B Team

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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by David Hammer in loving memory of his mother Beverly's birthday and his parents' 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 go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

PASTOR BETH ON VACATION

Pastor Beth is on a well-deserved vacation and will be returning to the office on Tuesday, July 30. If you have a pastoral emergency while she is out, please contact Pastor Harold at 352-246-7998.

MISSION MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our second-mile giving today is in support of our Community Outreach Ministry. COM provides financial and other assistance for those in our community facing utility shutoff, eviction, and other hardships in life. Please mark "COM" on your gift.

WE'LL MISS YOU GAVAN!

Next Sunday, July 28, will be Gavan's last day as our organist as he will be moving to Orlando to start his new job as the Organist/Choir Director at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. He has been the organist here at First UMC since 2021 and will be the guest of honor at our coffee and cookie time after worship in the courtyard outside the Sanctuary. A table will be available to place cards or other expressions of appreciation for Gavan and we will also be recognizing him in worship. Our thanks and blessings go with Gavan as he begins this new chapter on life's journey!

SERMON SERIES

Our Summer Sermon Series, "What's In Your Suitcase?", is exploring the Psalms to see where God is found in the ups and downs of life. At this time of year, when many of us are packing our suitcases for summer adventures, this series examines the "fruit of the spirit must-haves" on our packing list for the daily adventure of life. We'll also identify what things we need to unpack that weigh us down and keep us from traveling "light"!



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