

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"  
*arr. Stan Pethl*

String Quartet

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathan Ordway

We may not know the time or the place,  
**but we know that God is restoring the world.**

We may not see the risen Christ before us,  
**but we know his spirit rests on us.**

We may not know what God is doing next,  
**but we come together worshipping in faith, excited to discover it!**

## HYMN UMH 172

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

<sup>1</sup> My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

<sup>2</sup> I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

<sup>3</sup> In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, creator of all that is, the One who gives us life, judges the forces of oppression and sets us free.**

**We follow Jesus, the Living Word, the embodiment of God's love. He was crucified, and rose again, and lives among us still, healing, guiding and leading.**

**We live by the power of the Holy Spirit as Christ's Body, the church. We devote ourselves to the lives to which Jesus calls us: lives of love, healing, courage, justice, and joy. For this we ask God's blessing and give thanks for God's grace. Alleluia!**

## 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

Laudate Dominum Chancel Choir and String Quartet  
from "Vesperae Solemnus de Confessore" (K. 339)  
*W. A. Mozart*

## 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 worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

Fear<Less  
Jesus is Prayerful  
*John 17:1-11*

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## HYMN UMH 413

"A Charge To Keep I Have"

<sup>1</sup> A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

<sup>2</sup> To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

<sup>3</sup> Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

<sup>4</sup> Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.



## 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

"Assai moderato e sostenuto"  
*Eugène Gigout*

Shiyi Zhu

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are lovingly given by Sheree Fugate in memory of her daughter, Caitlin.

## 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@fumcgv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgv.org) or go to <https://fumcgv.org/PrayerRequest>.

## SIMPLE SUNDAY LUNCHES KICKOFF NEXT SUNDAY



Join us after worship next Sunday, May 24, as we kick off our monthly Simple Sunday Lunches with a **Pentecost Pancake Palooza!** No RSVP's required, donations will be accepted, and gluten-free option will be available. As an added bonus, we will be sharing updates on the Master's Plan III capital campaign projects.

Volunteers are also needed to make this opportunity for food and fellowship possible! Contact Donna Witts at [mejabebe@me.com](mailto:mejabebe@me.com) for more information.

## WHAT IS ASCENSION SUNDAY?

Ascension Sunday is the first Sunday immediately following Ascension Day (which occurs 40 days after Easter), where we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven and his full authority as Lord over all the earth. Though he is not bodily present, Jesus continues to love us and longs to receive us into the presence of God to dwell with him throughout eternity.

## OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series runs through Pentecost and is titled "Fear<Less". Although "do not be afraid" is a very common directive throughout the scriptures, as human beings who've literally been biologically wired to experience fear in order to survive, it's a pretty tall order. This series encourages us not to focus on our inability to be fearless, but to focus on our ability to fear less because the resurrection of Jesus is proof that, in the end, love and life will overcome evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



## COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!



## INTERNATIONAL DESSERTS!

After worship today, our United Women in Faith will host an International Dessert table in the courtyard. Thank you to Margaret Steptoe, Suzi Hutto, Steve Dopp, Betty McDowell, Lynnette Edmondson, Susan Hartman, Beth Gibson, and Megan Kuhn for volunteering to share desserts representing Senegal, China, Germany, Israel, Italy, Brazil, Great Britain, and Austria!

## 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 [fumcgv.org/ways-to-serve](http://fumcgv.org/ways-to-serve)



### GIVE BY CHECK

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