WORSHIP GUIDE

September 10, 2023 15th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME Pastor Beth Snarr **PRELUDE** "Processional" Celebration Ringers Robert Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Kee

Sing a new song!

Make a joyful noise!

Let the sea roar,

and let the sky shimmer.

Let the earth be glad,

and let the children run and roll.

Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.

Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.

And let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- ¹ Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- ² O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
- ³ All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.

We believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom. He showed His love for all God's children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space. We listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. We believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.

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 "What Shall I Render to My God?" Chancel Choir & Instrumental Ensemble Austin Lovelace

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 357 (vs 1) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to

thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 191 (vs 1)

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON Faith Family Matters Pastor Beth Snarr

Christ-Centered Amplification Philippians 4:4-9

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.

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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Stan Pethl

Instrumental Ensemble

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 Kathy & Harold Henderson in loving memory of Kathy's daughter, Amy Kathryn Anderson.

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.

FELLOWSHIP PADS ARE BACK

During our offering time, please add your name to the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the pew so others can add their names. **If you are a first-time guest**, we hope you'll also include your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week. Online worshippers and those with prayer concerns can still use the online Connection Cards.

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP!

Growth Groups are a wonderful way to gather with others in our faith family to to study, pray, and engage in respectful, challenging conversation in order to be formed more in the image of Jesus. These groups are of various sizes and meet on an on-going, long-term, or short-term basis. Check out our Growth Group page at <code>fumcgnv.org/GrowthGroups</code> or contact Janet Rocap, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at <code>janet@fumcgnv.org</code> (she also hangs out before Sunday worship in the Narthex/lobby of our Sanctuary if you want to talk to her in person).

AMPLIFY MEDIA

The Amplify Media website provides anytime/anywhere access to wonderful resources to help you on your faith journey. Their library contains motivating stories, insightful teaching, and best of all it is free! Simply register at *my.amplifymedia.com* and use the First UMC access code: WVXPLH

BIBLE 365

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., we will show the Bible Year video for the next week's readings in the Epworth Parlor. Everyone is invited to join us.

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