

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Resch

God of our solitude, we worship you.

**God of our temptations, we cry out to you.**

Christ, our companion we look to you.

**Holy Spirit, our hope, help us worship. Help us love. Help us live.**

## HYMN UMH 334 (sung twice) "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who made us from the dust of the earth and gave us life through the gift of Spirit-filled breath.**

**We believe in Christ, who walks with us on the dusty roads of our human frailty and gives us courage to face our shadows.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who draws us into new life and gives us hope.**

**We worship you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Bless us, that we may repent and believe the Gospel.**

## 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

## COUNT ME IN MOMENT

Pam Winn and Olivia Cason

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"What If I Could Tell You?"  
Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 528 (vs 1) "Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

## 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

Under Our Roof, Beyond Our Walls  
Unleashing  
Mark 1:9-15

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## HYMN FWS 2237 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

<sup>1</sup> As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

<sup>2</sup> We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit we would live to God's delight.

<sup>3</sup> As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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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.



## 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

## CONNECTION CARD

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](http://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Tim Vinson in loving memory of Betsy Partin Vinson.

These upcoming dates are available for donating altar flowers: March 24, and April 14 and 21.

Please contact Janet Rocap at [janet@fumcgnv.org](mailto:janet@fumcgnv.org) for details.

## 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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

## PRAYER LABYRINTH FINAL DAY

Taking time to breathe in the peace of Christ through prayer is an essential spiritual practice for all of us. With this in mind, we hope you'll take the opportunity to visit the quiet, sacred space set up in the Fellowship Hall including spending some time in the prayer labyrinth after worship today.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The church office will be closed tomorrow, February 19, in observance of President's Day. The staff will be back at work and the office open on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.

## COUNT ME IN!

"Count Me In" buttons for our "Fulfilling the Master's Plan" Capital Campaign are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex/Lobby. Next Sunday, February 25, is Commitment Sunday. Let's join together and generously support the work of this Capital Campaign that both honors the past and ensures the future of First UMC's ministry impact for Christ! More information can be found on our web page at <https://fumcgnv.org/CapitalCampaign>.



## AUDITIONS FOR A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE NEXT SUNDAY

Our intergenerational musical, "A Technicolor Promise", will be held on Sunday, May 19 and we are looking for children, youth, and adults wishing to be a part of this production.

**Auditions will be held after our worship service next Sunday, February 25,** and lunch will be provided. Available roles include Mr. Noah, Mrs. Noah, Noah's Children, 4 Storytellers, Dove, and a Small Chorus/Townpeople. The musical will also include our Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, and Handbells. Questions? Contact Michael Ekbladh at [michael@fumcgnv.org](mailto:michael@fumcgnv.org).



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