

WELCOME
PRELUDE

“Hyfrydol”
arr. Stan Pethel

Pastor Harold Henderson
Instrumental Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Gibson

In love and joy, God calls us together.
And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as siblings in Christ.
Called together by God, we bring all that we are:
our songs, our silence, our healing, our hurts, our prayers, our lives.
Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

- HYMN W&S 3150 “Father, We Have Heard You Calling”
- 1

Father, we have heard you calling to your church in every age; for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise. In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be one in love and one in worship – children of eternity.
- 2

Jesus Christ, our faith’s perfecter, priest and advocate above. We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love. So transform our feeble witness, may we always live to be one in love and one in worship – children of eternity.
- 3

Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today. Bring release, bring tears, bring passion, then transform your church, we pray. As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be one in love and one in worship – children of eternity.
- 4

Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son, praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one. Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be one in love and one in worship – children of eternity.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.
We believe in Jesus who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.
We believe in the Holy Spirit who lives and breathes and works within us for our transformation and the transformation 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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
John Purifoy

Chancel Choir

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 Dean Brown

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG FWS 2233 “Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Elise Caton

SERMON

Choosing Faith: Gratitude
Luke 17:11-19

Pastor Harold Henderson

- HYMN UMH 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy”
- 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"
arr. Harald Rohlig

Maggie Tran

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by

- Wes Emmanuel in celebration of George and Muffet Emmanuel's 55th wedding anniversary.
- Phil and Beth Snarr in memory and celebration of the life of their dear friend, Paul Smail.

The flowers on the Welcome Table this morning are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse in honor of the birthday of the USN established on October 13, 1775.

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>.

MINISTRY MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Our second-mile giving this Sunday is in support of our Community Outreach Ministry that provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES START OCTOBER 19

Exploring Membership classes offer the opportunity to learn more about First UMC and who we are as United Methodist followers of Jesus. This series of three, one-hour classes start next Sunday, October 19 at 9:15 a.m. - childcare will be available. For those who are ready, you can join as a member of First UMC during worship on Sunday, November 9. Questions or to sign up, please contact Janet Roca, Director of Adult Discipleship, at janet@fumcgnv.org.

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY!

We are starting a new Sermon Series this morning titled "Choosing Faith". Is faith a gift or a choice? Is it something God does in us or something we do for God? The answer is, "Yes!"

Faith is a mixture of all that and more. It's a partnership with God as we enter into relationship for our good and the good of the community and the world around us. We have the choice every day to live by our faith, to be shaped by our faith, and to submit all our actions and relationships to the measure of faith. In this worship series, we'll examine what it means to be people who choose faith.

COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

A brief Service of Holy Communion (approx. 15 minutes) will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel immediately after worship today. Everyone is welcome!



One of our Stephen Ministers are present each week at the Service of Holy Communion if you need someone to talk to and/or to pray with you after the service. Our Stephen Ministers are lay persons who share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Have questions about Stephen Ministry? Contact them at StephenMinisters@fumcgnv.org.

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2025

All are welcome to attend this year's Charge Conference on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Bartley Temple UMC (1936 NE 8th Ave, 32641) This will be a time of worship with other United Methodist Churches in the District as well as signifying the time when each individual church performs administrative tasks required for the operations of their church. One of those tasks is the completion of a yearly membership audit to keep our membership rolls up-to-date. We have copies of the inactive lists on the Welcome Table - please take a look to see if you know anyone on the list and ask them to contact us.



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 fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

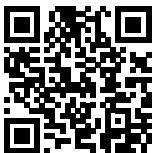


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