

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"
arr. Douglas Wagner

5x5 Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Rocap

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 606

"Come, Let Us Use The Grace Divine"

¹ Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord; Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify; and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

² The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind; we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind. We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow; and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

³ Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, and register our names on high and keep us to that day!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

"Blessed Assurance"
arr. Linda Lamb

Julie Ray

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 328

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG UMH 191

"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

Who's Your "She"ro?
Loss and Loyalty
Ruth 1:15-22

Pastor Beth Snarr

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner



HYMN UMH 577

"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"

- ¹ God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- ² Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- ³ Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- ⁴ Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. Douglas Wagner

5x5 Ringers

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Cheryl Resch in loving celebration of their 40th 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@fumcgvn.org or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our ministry focus today is our Community Outreach Ministry. COM 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 vital ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is Commitment Sunday for the one-year extension of the Master's Plan Capital Campaign into 2027. If you brought your commitment card today, you can place it in the basket as you come forward for communion or you can drop it into the black offering boxes as you leave. If you were not able to bring your commitment card, you can mail it to us, bring it by the Church Office during the week, or complete it online at <https://fumcgvn.org/MastersPlan>.

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES

Our new sermon series is titled *Who's Your "She"ro?* This series focuses on the only two biblical books named for women - Ruth and Esther and explores their stories of heroic loyalty and courage that made significant changes for good. How is God working in our lives and the world so we can do the same?



NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Since we are celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service today, there will not be a separate Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel today.



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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