

WELCOME

Pastor Alan Taylor

PRELUDE

"The Church's One Foundation"
arr. Stan Pethl

Instrumental Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Peyser

In the east and west, the north and south,

God creates beauty and life.

From all corners of the globe,

God calls us to love and to live and to follow.

In our homes and our hearts, in this church, and in the world,

we sing and serve, we hope, and we pray.

Let us worship God, with thankful hearts on this day and every day.

HYMN UMH 694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

¹ Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

² All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

³ For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

⁴ Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity.

We live by the Holy Spirit and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment.

As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. 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.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shout to the North"
arr. Craig Courtney

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

Dean Brown

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN 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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

"Beyond Thanksgiving: ThanksLIVING"
Psalm 100

Pastor Alan Taylor

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.

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 place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): _____

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by John Bevis and Alan Taylor in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR

The bounty of our Thanksgiving altar is provided by an anonymous donor in honor of Charlene Smith for her dedicated service to First UMC and her mother, Betty O'Byrne.

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.

CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not yet filled out your commitment card or want to pledge online, you still can by mail or online at <https://fumcgnv.org/pledge>. You can also bring it by the church office. Thank you for supporting our missions and ministries!

WEEKLY WELCOME

A copy of our Weekly Welcome newsletter is available on the the Welcome Table if you wish to take one and see all the latest news and information at First UMC. If you want to receive a copy via email, simply note that on the Connection Card or drop an email to contact@fumcgnv.org.

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