

WELCOME		Pastor Beth Snarr
PRELUDE	"Prayer for Worship" Heather Sorenson	Anait Piloyan
CALL TO WORSHIP		Cindy Woodruff
We come, God of the Journey, a people from different places, different histories, different lifestyles.		
Hoping to find companionship for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.		
We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears.		
Yet all disciples of one Teacher.		
We hunger, God of Abundant Life, for lives that have meaning and integrity, and for relationships grounded in mutuality and respect.		
With the gift of your grace we are nourished. With the promise of your presence may we be strengthened to be faithful.		
HYMN	UMH 131	"We Gather Together"
¹ We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.		
² Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!		
³ We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
We believe God is Love, present everywhere and in everything, gently urging all toward the good.		
We believe Jesus embodied the Love that is God. He loved the poor, the sick, the outcast, and even his own enemies.		
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we believe we are to serve as he did, living lives of love, humility, courage, and hope.		
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	"Closer" Lenny LeBlanc	Carl and Janet Rocap
CALL TO PRAYER	UMH 420 (vs 1) "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"	
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.		
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? Solidarity over Silence Esther 4:1-17	Pastor Beth Snarr

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.



HYMN FWS 2170

"God Made From One Blood"

1

God made from one blood all the families of earth, the circles of nurture that raised us from birth, companions who join us to walk through each stage of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

2

We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears for all of the families we've known through the years, the intimate networks on whom we depend of parent and partner and roommate and friend.

3

We learn through our families how closeness and trust increase when our actions are loving and just. Yet families have also distorted their roles, mistreating their members and bruising their souls.

4

Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.

5

Then widen that wisdom and grace to include the races and viewpoints our families exclude till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Beth Snarr

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

"Symphonic Postlude"

arr. Roger C. Wilson

Naait Piloyan

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given lovingly by the family of Tom Morris to celebrate his birthday on July 14.

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@fumcgmv.org or go to <https://fumcgmv.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - HELPING HANDS CLINIC

Starting this Sunday and running through Christmas in July, we'll focus our second-mile giving in support of Helping Hands Clinic. Funds will be used to provide needed medicines and services for the folks that they serve. An anonymous donor will be matching all monies raised so please prayerfully consider how you can help this vital ministry that we've been in partnership with for over 30 years. Please note "HHC" on your second-mile gift.

COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief **Service of Holy Communion** will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!



NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26

Next Sunday is **Christmas in July** and another **Simple Sunday Lunch!** During worship, we will experience the joy of Christmas in the middle of the Summer! Join us for singing Christmas carols and then stay for a potato bar with several toppings including chili! The meal will also include assorted chips and a surprise dessert. Volunteers are needed to help with the lunch and there will be a sign-up table in the courtyard outside the Sanctuary, or email Donna Witts at mejabebe@me.com.

OUR ZOE KIDS IN KENYA

After lunch next Sunday, Pastor Beth and Elise Caton will be sharing briefly about their recent trip to Kenya. You won't want to miss the inspiring and challenging stories of the incredible children who are changing the trajectory of their lives with the help of our global mission partner, ZOE Empowers. These are OUR kids and we have SO many reasons to be proud of them!

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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 fumcgmv.org/ways-to-serve

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