

WELCOME

Pastor Alan Taylor

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dean Brown

The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.

Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;

the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

Come, let us worship God!

HYMN FWS 2236

"Gather Us In"

¹ Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

² We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old - who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

³ Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt of the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

⁴ Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, eternal and almighty, creator of the universe whose glory is beyond our words.

We believe in Christ who has come to us in love as a humble servant, who calls us to follow him and walk in the way that leads to life.

We believe through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we can truly love with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Thanks be to God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. 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

"In the Shadow of Your Wings"
John Leavitt

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

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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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

Believe: Lent With Ted Lasso
Turn That 'Me' Into 'Us'
Mark 10:35-45

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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.



HYMN UMH 369

“Blessed Assurance”

¹ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

² Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

³ Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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

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CONNECTION CARD



online 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

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by someone who is thankful for their many blessings.

There is only one remaining date available in 2024 for donating altar flowers: May 5. Please contact Janet Rocap at 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 or note it on the Connection Card.

MISSION MOMENT - UMCOR

This Sunday's second-mile giving is in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the UMC and assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters such as famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. Please note “UMCOR” on your gift.

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Sunday, March 24 is Celebration Sunday! Immediately after worship, we will be having a luncheon in Fellowship Hall celebrating the results of our Capital Campaign. Childcare (and pizza!) will be provided for children up to the 4th grade. We'll need a headcount to ensure plenty to eat, so RSVP to Pam Winn by email at pamelawinn54@gmail.com or by phone/text at 352-316-6739.

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