

## WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Marlene Udell

God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

**Come and give thanks!**

God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

**Come and give thanks!**

God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

**Come and give thanks!**

God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

**Come lift your voices in praise!**

God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

**Come lift your voices in praise!**

God touches our hearts through family and friends.

**Come lift your voices in praise!**

God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

**Come and worship!**

God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

**Come and worship!**

God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

**Come and worship!**

## HYMN UMH 327

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

<sup>1</sup> Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

<sup>2</sup> Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

<sup>3</sup> Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

<sup>4</sup> Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are God’s handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the Body of Christ - living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.**

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed, and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are by the power of God working in and among us.**

**We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.**

## 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

## 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

## HYMN 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

Carl Rocap

## SERMON

Better Together  
We’ve Got A Future  
*Colossians 1:24-2:7*

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**HYMN** UMH 154

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

- <sup>1</sup> All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
- <sup>2</sup> Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- <sup>3</sup> Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
- <sup>4</sup> Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
- <sup>5</sup> Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod, and crown him Lord of all. Extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
- <sup>6</sup> O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

**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**

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.



**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](https://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)



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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today’s altar flowers are given by Mary Kilgour in honor of Lonnie Thompson’s recent 99th birthday, and the other FUMC members who now watch the services online.

**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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

**PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024**

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday where our on-campus worshipers had the opportunity to bring their pledge cards forward during the service. We are pleased to announce that so far **56 households** have offered **\$386,436** in pledges that will support the ministries of First UMC in 2024!. To those of you who are among the 56, THANK YOU for getting this pledge season off to a great start! If you have not yet had an opportunity to submit your pledge, will you keep the momentum going this week by submitting yours online at <https://fumcgnv.org/pledge>, mailing or bringing your card to the church office during the week or to worship on Sunday? We are BETTER TOGETHER!



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