

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Slane"
arr. John Purifoy

Cameron Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Parrish

God is a God who calls.

We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

God is a God who equips.

We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

God is a God who sends.

We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world.

Let us worship God.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the God of grace. We follow the Teacher of Love. We live by the Spirit of
mercy. We trust God's healing of the world.**

**When people spread fear and division; when evil, injustice, and oppression thrive; no
political revolution, program, or platform will save us but only a people transformed by
grace and light**

**We will stand up to cynicism, hate, and indifference, and blanket this world with
compassion, calm, and mercy. We will proclaim the truth against all resistance.**

**We will do this because we believe in the God of grace. We follow the Teacher of Love. We
live by the Spirit of mercy. We trust God's healing of the world.**

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

ZOE EMPOWERS TRIP COMMISSIONING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Wideness in God's Mercy"
arr. Sheldon Curry

Chancel Choir

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 Dean Brown

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?
Gleaning and Grace
Ruth 2:1-16

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HYMN UMH 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

- ¹ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
- ² Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e're in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
- ³ Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
- ⁴ Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
- ⁵ Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

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

Larry Hartley

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Sondra and Jack Moorhead in loving celebration of their 62nd 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 - ZOE EMPOWERS

Our ministry focus on Sunday is Zoe Empowers - an organization that serves the most vulnerable youth-led households and youth living in extreme poverty in Africa and India. We have partnered with Gator Wesley to fund a peer community group and equip them with the knowledge, resources, and support needed to overcome extreme poverty and thrive. Today, we will be praying for Pastor Beth, Elise Caton, Whitney Wheeler, and Pastor Joel Pancoast as they leave on their trip this week to visit the community group we are sponsoring. More information is available in the Narthex/lobby or at <https://zoeempowers.org>. Please note “Zoe Empowers” on your second-mile gift. Thank you!



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?



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!

MASTER'S PLAN III 1/3

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday for the one-year extension of the Master's Plan Capital Campaign into 2027 and over 40 people so far have said “COUNT ME IN!” If you did not have the opportunity to submit a Commitment Card, you can pick one up on the Welcome Table and drop it in a black offering box or mail it to us, or complete it online at <https://fumcgvn.org/MastersPlan>. Thank you!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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 fumcgvn.org/ways-to-serve



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