

WELCOME
PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount”
arr. Craig Courtney

Pastor Beth Snarr
Jennifer Miller and Diana Russell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Kee

This day Jesus is calling to you.
Lord, help us to hear your call.
This is a time of decision.
Lord, help us to be strong and faithful.
Come, let us celebrate God’s love.
Let us rejoice in the call of our Savior.
Teach us your ways, O Lord.
Help us to be closer to you.

HYMN UMH 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

- ¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- ² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- ³ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- ⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Holy One, whose ways are the joy of our hearts.
We believe in the Faithful One, who holds our lives and our hands.
We believe our worship is due to the Holy One, whose revelation illuminates our path.
We believe our love is due to the Holy One, whose gifts of compassion, peace, and strength are shared generously with us so we might share them generously with others.

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

“It Is Well with My Soul”
arr. Jeremy Yowell

Jennifer Miller and Diana Russell

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?
Redemption and Restoration
Ruth 4:9-17

Pastor Beth Snarr

HYMN UMH 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- ¹ Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
- ² Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- ³ Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- ⁴ Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

"Simple Gifts"
arr. Mark Hayes

Jennifer Miller and Diana Russell

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne Oquendo in loving memory of her husband, Frank, her brother, Jeff and sister, Janet, and her parents.

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>.

OUR SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series is titled "Who's Your SHero?" and 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?

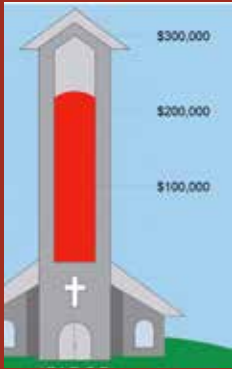


COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

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 UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to our Master's Plan 3-1/3 Capital Campaign extension for 2027. We have received 61 pledges totaling \$226,574 towards our goal of \$300,000. If you're a member or regular attender and haven't yet made your pledge we hope you'll do so very soon! Your gift will ensure that the second floors of Bell and Epworth Hall are accessible to disabled persons for the first time in our 165 year history. This is generational investment that's overdue! Let's get it done, together. There will be pledge cards on the Welcome Table that can be dropped into any black offering box or pledge online at <https://fumcgvn.org/MastersPlan>.

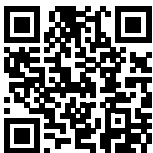


We also have news to share on the progress of our remaining Master's Plan projects. This week, new windows were installed in one of most the popular spaces on campus - the Bethany Room in Bell Hall. In addition, the contract for our media upgrades in the Sanctuary was signed and the first payment will be made next week. Lastly, placement for the lifts in Epworth and Bell Hall have been finalized. The installation of the Sanctuary lighting and sound upgrades as well as construction of the lifts will begin early this Fall!

Thanks be to God for inspiring a spirit of generosity in our congregation so these essential improvements can be made in support of vital, Christ-centered ministry, under our roof and beyond our walls.



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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