

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Jubilate"  
*Fela Sowande*

Xavier Richardson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Savastano

Holy God, by your Word and Spirit, come and transform your church in this time of worship and beyond,

**to be a living sign of your love for the world-where the poor are filled with good things,** where the dividing walls are broken down, and the dead are raised to new life.

**Amen. So be it. Amen.**

## HYMN UMH 400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

<sup>1</sup> Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

<sup>2</sup> Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

<sup>3</sup> O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In abounding and abiding love, God created the world as good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## 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.

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shall We Gather at the River"  
*arr. Hal Hopson*

Chancel Choir

### CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2007

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Dios!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

### LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

### HYMN FWS 2233

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SERMON

Soaring With Our Strengths  
*Mission Minded*  
Matthew 25:31-45

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### HYMN UMH 593

"Here I Am, Lord"

<sup>1</sup> I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

<sup>2</sup> I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

<sup>3</sup> I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

## 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

Gavan Mcvey

## CONNECTION CARD

Please place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at [fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard](http://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Member  Guest  Regular Attendee

Please add/update my contact information:

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Please add me to your email list

Please have the Pastor contact me

I would like to volunteer, please have someone contact me

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests  Please share only with the Pastors

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Linda Williams in celebration of her groom of 58 years.

## UMCOR CLEANING KITS

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall today as we assemble the UMCOR Cleaning Kits in support of the Florida Conference-wide effort to assist those in Kentucky and the Central Appalachia area devastated by recent flooding. We are still accepting donations to help offset the cost of these kits - simply note *UMCOR Kits* in your donation.

## CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

## 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).

## MASKS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask while in worship, but if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so.

## WEEKLY WELCOME

A copy of our Weekly Welcome newsletter is available on the the Welcome Table if you wish to take one and see all the latest news and information at First UMC. If you want to receive a copy via email, simply note that on the Connection Card or drop an email to [contact@fumcgnv.org](mailto:contact@fumcgnv.org).

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