

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

Magnificent God who sees all that we can see and everything that we cannot,

**we gather in awe of your vision that is broad and vast.**

Awaken us to your holiness, inspire us with your creative power,

**and peel back our layers of anxiety and fear.**

Enliven us to trust fully in your love for us as we struggle and strive to be who you call us to be.

**Be with us now as we worship you.**

## HYMN FWS 2197

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

<sup>1</sup> Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

<sup>2</sup> Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

<sup>3</sup> Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

<sup>4</sup> Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God of patient love, who awaits the return of the wayward and wandering and eagerly embraces them in pardon.**

**We believe through baptism you have clothed us with the glory of Christ and restored our inheritance.**

**We believe that the generous heart of the Holy Spirit welcomes all who seek a place at the table of your unconditional love.**

## 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

“Change My Heart, O God”  
*arr. Joel Raney*

## CONNECTION CARD

You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at [fumcgvn.org/ConnectionCard](http://fumcgvn.org/ConnectionCard)

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

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Questions or Comments?

**CALL TO PRAYER** UMH 314 (vs 2) "In the Garden"

<sup>2</sup> He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

**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 worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Carl Rocap

**SERMON**

Pastor Beth Snarr

"We Make the Road by Walking"

*Watchfulness*

Luke 15:1-3;11b-32

**HYMN** UMH 347

"Spirit Song"

<sup>1</sup> O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

<sup>2</sup> O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

**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**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Russ Golly in loving memory of his late wife Nancy on what would have been her 75th birthday.

**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@fumcgv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgv.org).

**ACOLYTES IN WORSHIP ARE RETURNING!**

Children and youth, grades 2nd-8th, are encouraged to serve in worship as acolytes beginning Palm Sunday, April 10! Acolytes will once again light the candles on the altar and the Christ Candle at the beginning of worship and take the light out into the world as worship concludes. Parents and grandparents, please contact Trisha Eccles at [trishaeccles@gmail.com](mailto:trishaeccles@gmail.com) for more information.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

We will have on-campus and online services for Holy Week!

- Palm Sunday - April 10 at 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday - April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday - April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday - April 17 at 10:30 a.m.

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