

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Julie Stitt

Celebration Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Morris

Creator God, we come before you in humility and awe.

You receive us with love; you bless us with grace.

Loving Christ, you invite us to your table. We come with hunger and gratitude.

You welcome us gently; you feed us abundantly.

Holy Spirit, you work in us to re-shape us according to your will.

We open our hearts to your gracious work.

HYMN UMH 620

"One Bread, One Body"

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

¹ Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

² Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

³ Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 528 (vs 1)

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG 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

Believe: Lent With Ted Lasso

Pastor Beth Snarr

"I Believe in Believe"

Mark 9:14-29

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Gavan Mcvey

HYMN W&S 3128

"Whatever You Do"

¹ "Whatever you do to the least ones of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me!" Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew that when we serve others, we also serve you.

² When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end, when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend, when thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" we hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

³ In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise; we see you in people whom others despise. At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

⁴ When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands, we notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace; we see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

⁵ "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear that when we serve others, we're serving you here. And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain, then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

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

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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug & Julie Ray in celebration of the birth of their 12th grandchild, Adelaide Esphyr, and the 1st birthday of #11, Rosemary Josephine.

These are the remaining dates available in 2024 for donating altar flowers: April 14; May 5 & 19; and November 17. Please contact Janet Rocap at janet@fumcgnv.org for details.

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 or note it on the Connection Card.

NEW SERMON SERIES

We are starting a new sermon series today titled "Believe: Lent With Ted Lasso". What Ted Lasso lacks in knowledge, he makes up for with humility, determination, and a belief in the power of goodness and hope. Sounds a lot like the Gospel, doesn't it? This series will take us through the end of Lent and into Easter as we continue to discover the wisdom of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark with a little help from a goofy, good guy named, Ted.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY UPDATE

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday for our Capital Campaign and we wanted to share the status of the pledges to date. During this campaign, we have received 78 pledges for a total pledged amount of just over \$745,500. You can still submit a pledge by mail, by bringing your pledge card to the church office during the week, or online from the Capital Campaign page at <https://fumcgnv.org/MastersPlan>.



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