

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"  
*arr. John Purifoy*

Cameron Perrin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

**God loves you more than you could imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

This is good news indeed!

**Let us worship our compassionate God.**

Ashley Ordway

## 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 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"  
*arr. Mack Wilberg*

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2025

"As The Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## GATHERING SONG UMH 156

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

The Good News Is...  
Great Love For God And Neighbor  
*Luke 7:36-50*

Pastor Beth Snarr

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner



## HYMN

"I Come With My Devotion"

- <sup>1</sup> I come with my devotion to love and serve my God whose loving cosmos formed me before I ever sought the glory of the heavens or praise on earth below so every gift I have now I lay before the throne.
- <sup>2</sup> I hear my Savior's calling to serve the lost and least; the hungry and imprisoned, the broken ones like me. For in each act of kindness it's Christ for whom we care all worthy of our love since it is God's face they bear.
- <sup>3</sup> God made us in God's image each person whom we meet extravagantly loving all of humanity so I'll return the love which has formed me from the start and loving my Creator, myself, and every heart.

## 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"  
*arr. John Purifoy*

Cameron Perrin

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Kaye Garbett to the loving memory of her husband, Ray, and in loving memory of her son, Christopher.

## 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) or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

## MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our ministry focus for this Sunday is our Community Outreach Ministry. COM provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this vital ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

## OUR SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Our new sermon series is titled "Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent". Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it's not necessarily comfortable. Jesus' ministry can be described as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis" meaning "root" or "ground". Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news? Yes! We can and we must!



## NO COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Since we are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the worship service today, there will not be a separate Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel after the service.

## FAITHFUL RESISTANCE



Thank you for praying for Pastor Beth and the 2,000 others who participated in the "Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice" event this past Wednesday. As followers of Christ in the United Methodist tradition, we will continue to live into our baptismal vows by "resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves."



## 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 [fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve](http://fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve)



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