

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
arr. Lloyd Larson

Miller and Behrmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

God has set this day before us.

A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us.

A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

so that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

² Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

³ To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

⁴ Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people.

We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love.

We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. 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.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In This Very Room"
Ron and Carol Harris

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 378 (vs 3)

"Amazing Grace"

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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

SERMON

This is the Way
The Grace of Confidence
Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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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.

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

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests Growth Groups Other

Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Ole Nelson in loving memory of Grace, who passed on January 28, 2022.

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.

BIBLE 365

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Beth and Pastor Harold in reading the entire Bible throughout the next 365 days. It is never too late to join - simply let Pastor Beth know you are joining in via an email at beth@fumcgnv.org. We will be using the book by United Methodist pastor, Magrey deVega, called "The Bible Year" as our guide on this journey. Copies are available from Amazon and many other online booksellers as a hard copy or electronic version. Visit our web page at fumcgnv.org/Bible365 for more information and resources.

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., we will show the *Bible Year* video for the next week's readings in the Epworth Parlor. Everyone is invited to join us.

CONNECTION CARDS

We're glad you're worshiping with us today!

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.

WEEKLY WELCOME

A copy of our Weekly Welcome newsletter is available on 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.

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