

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 3, 2025
8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Nearer My God, to Thee"
arr. Stephen DeCesare

Pastor Harold Henderson
Connor Steptoe

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, awaken!

We awaken to you, O God, and open our hearts to your presence.

Beloved of God, come!

We gather in your spirit, O Christ, and open our hearts to your love.

Body of Christ, arise!

Draw us into your mystery, nourish our souls, and send us out again to be and to proclaim your grace for the world. Amen!

Alex Gibson

HYMN

UMH 363 (vss. 1, 2, 3)

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

1

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood! Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2

'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.

3

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!), emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

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

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Stephen DeCesare

Connor Steptoe

CALL TO PRAYER

UMH 77

"How Great Thou Art"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

LORD’S PRAYER

GATHERING SONG

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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

Then Sings My Soul
And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Psalm 22:1-11

Pastor Harold Henderson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

HYMN

UMH 630

"Become To Us The Living Bread"

1

Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2

Become the never failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3

May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Maggie Tran

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by the O'Byrne family in loving memory of Charles and Betty Bell, and Frank and Betty O'Byrne.

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 go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission 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 ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

A Stephen Minister will be available for the half-hour after worship every Sunday through the summer in the Epworth Parlor. You can also contact them by email at stephenministers@fumcgnv.org.



FAMILY SOCIAL FOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY CLASS AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Only Youth is our Growth Group just for youth that meets on-campus every Sunday morning (starting August 17) at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Cafe located on the second floor of Bell Hall. They will be having a family social after worship **today** in the Scout Hut. Contact Trisha Eccles at OnlyYouth@fumcgnv.org for more information on this group for youth.

SAM SHOVEL 2 - THE LONG WALK GOODBYE

Sam Shovel is a radio noir comedy that will be presented on **August 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m.**, and **August 10 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this "pay-what-you-can" fundraiser support the FUMPers Scholarship Fund. Questions? Drop an email to SamShovel2@fumcgnv.org.



PASTOR BETH ON SPIRITUAL RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Beth is on Spiritual Renewal leave and will be unavailable until she returns on August 24. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Harold by email at harold@fumcgnv.org or call his cell phone at 352-246-7998.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Our summer sermon series, "Then Sings My Soul", is exploring some well-loved messages from our Biblical hymnbook, the Psalms, in conjunction with some well-loved hymns from our United Methodist hymnbook. How will the songs of our souls translate into our work in the world on behalf of the grace-filled Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer in whom we live?

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



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