

WORSHIP GUIDE

January 11, 2026
1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Gabriel Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ray

Come, you who are weary, you who have been bruised by life, you whose flame has flickered in the winds of the world.

We come, longing to be renewed.

The Holy One who stretches out the heavens is stretching us now - stretching our hearts toward courage, our hands toward compassion, our lives toward gentle justice.

We open ourselves to be stretched into new life.

A voice from heaven says to us, as it said to Jesus: You are my beloved. This Spirit rests upon us, too.

We are God's Beloved, called to bring gentle justice.

Come, let us remember who we are.

Let us worship God with joy.

HYMN FWS 2248

"Baptized In Water"

¹ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

² Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

³ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, Creator of all that is, whose light guides us and whose grace extends to all people of the world.

We follow Jesus, the Light of the world, to whom we offer the gifts of our hands and hearts.

We live by the Holy Spirit, whose companionship makes us one with peoples of all nations, tribes, and traditions. In the power of that Spirit we devote ourselves to love and justice, for the sake of Christ, the sovereign of our hearts.

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

Gabriel Johnson

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 393

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Awakened to Grace

Pastor Beth Snarr

Prayer

Acts 12:1-17

COVENANT OF BAPTISM RENEWAL

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.



HYMN UMH 203**"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

¹ Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

² He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

³ He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

⁴ To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

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

Gabriel Johnson

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse to honor the birthdays of their two sons, Michael and Glen as well as their son-in-law, Donnie.

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>.

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY

We are starting a new sermon series today titled "Awakened to Grace". This series invites us to begin the year by rediscovering the simple, transformative practices that open us to God's presence - Prayer, Scripture, Silence, Fasting, Sabbath, and Service. May these practices, made visible in ordinary life and everyday discipleship, open us to extraordinary love.

**BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT - THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

A free concert by Bobby Jo Valentine will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Bobby Jo is an award-winning songwriter who strives to make music and poetry that is good medicine for everyone. Tickets are free, so come out and enjoy this concert!

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP!

Growth Groups are a wonderful way to gather with others in our faith family to study, pray, have fellowship, and engage in respectful, challenging conversation in order to be formed more in the image of Jesus. Check out our Growth Group page at fumcgnv.org/GrowthGroups or contact Janet Rocap, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at janet@fumcgnv.org.

COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!

**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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