

WELCOME  
PRELUDE

Pastor Beth Snarr  
Jennifer Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship.

**We bring the burdens of the week.**

We bring prayers of hope and prayers of anguish.

**We bring our voices and our offerings and our questions.**

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**

HYMN FWS 2236 “Gather Us In”

- <sup>1</sup> Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- <sup>2</sup> We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old - who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
- <sup>3</sup> Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt of the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- <sup>4</sup> Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God’s mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God’s Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.**

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.

CONNECTION CARD

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions or Comments?

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Carl Rocap

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 314 (vs 2) “In the Garden”

<sup>2</sup> He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
*And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 “We Make the Road by Walking”  
Worthiness  
Luke 13:1-9  
Pastor Harold Henderson

HYMN UMH 370 “Victory In Jesus”  
<sup>1</sup> I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood’s atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.  
*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*  
<sup>2</sup> I heard about his healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,” and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.  
<sup>3</sup> I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I’ll sing up there the song of victory.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS  
Today’s altar flowers are given by Tom and Carol Morris in celebration of our God and his constant loving presence.

CONNECTION CARDS  
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. Thanks to all, we’re glad you’re here!

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@fumcgv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgv.org).

GARDEN PARTY TICKETS  
Tickets for the Garden Party to benefit SING23 will be available in the Narthex for purchase before and after worship today, online at [fumcgv.org/sing23](http://fumcgv.org/sing23), or in the church office during the week.

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