

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

KYRIE (from *Requiem*)  
Heather Sorensen, arr. Gavan McVey

Gavan Mcvey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

J.D. Wallis

We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

**We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

**We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

**We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship, and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.**

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

**We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today, and the visions that we see today for the future.**

Let us gather in celebration!

**Let us worship God!**

## HYMN UMH 131

"We Gather Together"

<sup>1</sup> We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

<sup>2</sup> Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

<sup>3</sup> We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God of abundance, who provides every good thing.**

**We believe in a loving Christ, who offers forgiveness to us with wounded hands and a generous heart.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who fills us with love and courage and a deep desire for justice and mercy.**

**In gratitude, with our whole lives, we worship God, three in one and one in three!**

## 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

"One Bread, One Body"  
arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## 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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

Better Together  
We've Got A Focus  
Luke 10:25-37

Pastor Beth Snarr

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.



<sup>1</sup> Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. God’s banners fly o’er us; God’s light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

<sup>2</sup> The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest hosanna 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**

Improvisation à la One Bread, One Body  
*Gavan McVey*

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**CONNECTION CARD**



online Connection Card

Please use the Connection Card for any questions, comments, or prayer requests you may have and place in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill one out using our First UMC app or online at [fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard](https://fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard)

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

Please share only with the Pastors

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today’s altar flowers are given by Tom and Carol Morris, wishing Happy Birthday to their beautiful daughter Beth who is turning 50 on November 21.

**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) or note it on the Connection Card.

**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

You will have the opportunity to bring your pledge card forward during the final hymn of today’s service. If you need a pledge card, there are some available at the Welcome Table. If you want to pledge online, you still can at <https://fumcgv.org/pledge>. You can also mail or bring it to the church office during the week. Thank you for supporting our missions and ministries! We are **Better Together!**



**ROOFS, WINDOWS, AND MORE IN 2024!**

The roofing project has begun and the old shingles have been removed from Fellowship Hall and we are waiting on the new roofing materials to be installed. All of our roofs will be replaced and this is just one part of our **Roofs, Windows, and More in 2024** project to keep our facilities healthy for our current and future ministries. Our capital campaign to help pay for these needed repairs will begin in January 2024.

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