

# WORSHIP GUIDE

April 7, 2024  
2nd Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Simmons

Proclaim the Good News!

**Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Walk in the light of his love.

**Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!**

## HYMN UMH 702

"Sing With All The Saints In Glory"

<sup>1</sup> Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

<sup>2</sup> O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

<sup>3</sup> Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

<sup>4</sup> Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

## 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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (UMH pg. 33) Jasmyn Joy Curry

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn of Promise"  
*arr. Lloyd Larson*

Elaina Rodriquez

## CALL TO PRAYER

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

## 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

Shine!  
*1 John 1:1-2:2*

Pastor Beth Snarr

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Gavan Mcvey

## HYMN UMH 159

"Lift High The Cross"

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

<sup>1</sup> Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

<sup>2</sup> Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

<sup>3</sup> O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

<sup>4</sup> So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for 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

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.



## CONNECTION CARD

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Sandy Evans and Karen Harris in loving memory of his mother, Mayme Evans.

## 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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

## NEW SERMON SERIES

We are starting a new sermon series today titled "Shine!" that uses the small but mighty First Letter of John to remind us of the ways Jesus' life, death, and resurrection reveal the truth that "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." Resurrection power is found **both** on other side of this life in eternity, **and** in the right here and right now. How can we more fully embrace that truth? We can embody the words of what most of us know as a children's song but was sung throughout the civil rights movement as an anthem of resistance and strength, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine!"

## TODAY'S MISSION MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our mission moment this week is our Community Outreach Ministry that 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!

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