

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

People of the world, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

We step into the new year with faith!

People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

We step into the unknown with hope!

People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We step forward together as God's family!

HYMN UMH 100 (vss 1, 4, 5) "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us"

¹ God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

⁴ Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

⁵ Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

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

"Psalm 23"

Dean Brown

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2128 (vs 1) "Come And Find The Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG UMH 191 (vs 1) "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

"Exactly the Same, Only Different"
Psalm 104:24-34

Rev. Edward New

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Gavan Mcvey

COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION UMH 607

HYMN UMH 438 "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord"

¹ Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

² The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

³ Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

⁴ For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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

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 fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Alice and John Stull in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and in honor of their son Gregory's birthday.

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 note it on the Connection Card.

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. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others in 2024. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - JANUARY 21-28

We will be hosting homeless families here at First UMC January 21-28 and need volunteers to set up Sunday School rooms as bedrooms for the week, provide food for the families, and stay with the families in shifts from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. each day. For more information, contact Kim Hasko at familypromise@fumcgnv.org or sign up online at <https://fumcgnv.org/FamilyPromise>.

SAVE THE DATE - CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF ON JANUARY 21

We will hold a kickoff celebration for the final phase of our Capital Campaign that was started in 2006. The celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP!

Growth Groups are a wonderful way to gather with others in our faith family to study, pray, 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.

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