

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Children and Youth

## CALL TO WORSHIP

J.D. Wallis

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**that we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

## HYMN UMH 98

"To God Be the Glory"

<sup>1</sup> To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

<sup>2</sup> O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

<sup>3</sup> Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We come from all walks of life: the rich, the poor; the struggling, and the secure. We believe God calls all of us.**

**We bring our hearts to this time and place – hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders. We believe God knows us.**

**We offer what we have to give: our talents and our imperfections, our faith and our doubt, our hope and our hands. We believe God loves us. Thanks be to God!**

## 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

## COUNT ME IN MOMENT

Christa and Sadie Court

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"When In Our Music God is Glorified"  
*arr. Hal Hopson*

Chancel Choir and  
Instrumental Ensemble

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 528 (vs 1) "Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

## 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

Under Our Roof, Beyond Our Walls  
Increasing  
*Mark 8:27-36*

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## HYMN UMH 77

"How Great Thou Art"

<sup>1</sup> O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

<sup>2</sup> When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

<sup>3</sup> And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

<sup>4</sup> When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## 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

Gavan Mcvey

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](http://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for all who have said, and who will say, "Count me In" by supporting the Master's Plan III. May Christ's love continue to be evident under our roof and beyond our walls!

These are the available dates in 2024 for donating altar flowers: April 14; May 5, 19, & 26; June 23; August 11; and November 17 & 24. Please contact Janet Rocap at [janet@fumcgnv.org](mailto:janet@fumcgnv.org) for details.

## 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.

## AUDITIONS FOR A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE TODAY!

Our intergenerational musical, "A Technicolor Promise", will be held on Sunday, May 19 and we are looking for children, youth, and adults wishing to be a part of this production. Auditions will be held after our worship service today, and lunch will be provided. Available roles include Mr. Noah, Mrs. Noah, Noah's Children, 4 Storytellers, Dove, and a Small Chorus/Townspeople. The musical will also include our Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, and Handbells. Questions? Contact Michael Ekbladh at [michael@fumcgnv.org](mailto:michael@fumcgnv.org).



## TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

You will have the opportunity to bring your Capital Campaign 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 from the Capital Campaign page at <https://fumcgnv.org/MastersPlan>. You can also mail or bring your pledge card to the church office during the week.



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