

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

Maggie Tran

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom and Carol Morris in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream of justice for all God's children.

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 go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observation of Mrtin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The office will re-open under its normal schedule on Tuesday, January 20.

OUR SERMON SERIES

Last Sunday, we are started a new sermon series titled "Awakened to Grace". This series invites us to begin the year by rediscovering the simple, transformative practices that open us to God's presence - Prayer, Scripture, Silence, Fasting, Sabbath, and Service. May these practices, made visible in ordinary life and everyday discipleship, open us to extraordinary love.



BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT - THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

A free concert by Bobby Jo Valentine will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Bobby Jo is an award-winning songwriter who strives to make music and poetry that is good medicine for everyone. Tickets are free, so come out and enjoy this concert!

MISSION FOCUS - HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

Our mission focus for today is Human Relations Day where we can celebrate and support ministries that empower communities and nurture hope. Our second-mile giving for today will help support programs in the areas of faith-based volunteer initiatives, youth organizing, and community development. Please indicate "Human Relations Sunday" or "Special Sunday" on your second-mile gift.

LETTERS FOR OUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

As we are all aware, there's an urgent human rights emergency in Iran right now and many people are being killed during protests. This is a personal issue for many of us at First UMC because of our love for H, M, and J whose family members are living in the midst of this crisis. An earlier email summarized things we could do to help and copies of the letters to our Congress persons are on the Welcome Table this morning for you to sign, if desired. We will collect the signed letters and mail them early this week.



COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!



The light of Jesus shines most brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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Have you considered long-term support of our church ministries through our Legacy Endowment Fund? For more details, contact legacy@fumcgnv.org



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