

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

This Lenten journey is a process, a commitment, a labor of love.

**We must be prepared for resurrection. We must wait for it with penitent hearts.**

With ashes we are marked to remind us of our mortality,

**to remind us of our desperate need of God's eternal life.**

With dust, we are sealed into the ground from which we came.

**But from that same ground, that empty tomb, comes new life.**

But not yet. We must wait in prayer. We must wait in penitence. We must wait in patience.

Resurrection is coming. But not yet. We must prepare. We must wait.

**First comes the journey to which Christ calls us.**

Come, let us begin this Lenten journey.

## HYMN FWS 2138

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

<sup>1</sup> Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins; thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins. We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray; now, returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

<sup>2</sup> We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive, have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live, we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things; may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

<sup>3</sup> We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need; and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed; we have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored; come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Beth Snarr

God begs us to turn from those words, those acts, those obstacles which keep us from being God's people. As we begin our Lenten journey, I invite you to join with me, with words and in silence, as we bring our brokenness to God who desires to make us whole.

**Gracious God, too long have we traveled our own ways, too long have we sought to satisfy our hidden desires. We have trusted the falsehoods of the world and relied on the power which would consume our souls. We have sought healing from impostors and rejected the One who was broken for our wholeness.**

**Have mercy on us, God, whose love overflows our deepest hopes. Let our hearts be a sanctuary for your Spirit; let our lives abound in service to others; let our spirits reflect the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We pause now in these moments of quiet to lift up our personal confessions to God.

## CONNECTION CARD

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions or Comments?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God lets go of the punishment we deserve and gives us mercy in its place. Willingly, God puts a new spirit into us, the spirit of hope and joy.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"God So Loved the World"  
*John Stainer*

### SERMON

Pastor Harold Henderson

"We Make the Road by Walking"  
*Waywardness*  
Psalm 51:1-17

### HYMN UMH 269 (vs 1, 4, 5) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
- <sup>4</sup> And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
- <sup>5</sup> Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

## INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

### IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

### TIME OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### HYMN UMH 314 "In The Garden"

- <sup>1</sup> I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

- <sup>2</sup> He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

- <sup>3</sup> I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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## CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

## 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).

## NEW SERMON SERIES - "WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING"

Although the road of life is always filled with unexpected twists and turns, the past two years of living in the midst of a global pandemic has taken this reality to a whole new level. This season of Lent, we will find both comfort and challenge in the truth that a large part of faithful discipleship is to just keep walking. Each step, including missteps, make the road before us and although we don't know what the next step will bring, we do know we don't take it alone. Walk on, friends, walk on!

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