

WELCOME
PRELUDE

“Psalm 38”
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Pastor Beth Snarr
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we come together to worship our mighty God!
Our God is mighty! Nothing is too big for God!
Sometimes we face giants in our lives - things that make us afraid, problems that seem too big, or challenges we don't know how to face.
We will trust in the Lord! We will be brave because God is with us!
Whether we are young or old, God invites us to come into His presence with courage and thanksgiving.
Come, let us worship the Lord! Our God is mighty, our God is faithful, and our God is always with us!

HYMN UMH 368 “My Hope is Built”

¹ My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
² When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
³ His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
⁴ When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do we believe about God?
We believe that God is mighty, loving, and always with us!
When we are afraid, who can we trust?
We can trust in God, just as David did!
Does God need us to be the biggest or the strongest to do great things?
No! God can work through anyone, no matter how young or small!
What gives us courage when we face challenges?
Our faith in God gives us courage, for we know that God is with us!
Who gives us victory over the giants we face in life?
The Lord our God! We trust in God's power, love, and faithfulness!

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 “Goliath” Chancel Choir
Joseph Martin

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION “David and Goliath”

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 1) “Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SERMON Triple Citizenship Pastor Beth Snarr
Three Citizens, One Calling
Matthew 7:12, 24-27



“For The Healing Of The Nations”

- ¹ For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
- ² Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.
- ³ All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.
- ⁴ You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

Pastor Beth Snarr

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.

Anait Piloyan

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Today's altar flowers are given by Flo Caldwell in memory of her parents, Ted and Edna, and her son, Dennis.

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at prayer@fumcgv.org or go to <https://fumcgv.org/PrayerRequest>.

Our sermon series titled “Triple Citizenship” ends today. As followers of Jesus who live in the US, most of us claim three overlapping identities: citizens of the world, citizens of the United States, and citizens of God’s Kingdom. Each citizenship carries responsibilities and sometimes tensions. This series explores Jesus’ teachings from the Sermon on the Mount that give us direction on how to hold them together faithfully. However, when our citizenships collide, which one gets the final word? Jesus’ answer throughout Matthew 5–7 is the Kingdom of God.



With Fall drawing near, our ministry focus for today is assisting Helping Hands Clinic to prepare for the colder weather for their clients by collecting warm blankets and sleeping bags to hand out to those in need. During this remainder of this month, you can drop off your new or gently-used donation at the Welcome Table on Sundays or the Church Office during the week. Thank you!

Our final Simple Sunday Lunch for 2026 will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship today. A special thank you to Tony and Donna Witts and everyone who helped make these lunches happen by buying the food, cooking the food, setting up the room, and cleaning up afterward!

Volunteers and bakers are needed to help with our Holiday Marketplace on November 6-8. Please visit their table after worship today to see how you can help make this ministry successful again this year!

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 fumcgv.org/ways-to-serve

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