

# Easter



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## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

“An Easter Celebration”  
*arr. Joel Rayne*

Brass Ensemble

## HYMN UMH 302 (vs 1-4)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Doug Ray

**This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word. God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope.**

**We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing hallelujah. The Risen Christ lives today, present to us and the source of our hope.**

**We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers. We strive to love what he loved and live what he taught, in our time and place, even as we look to the new heaven and a new earth that is to come.**

## 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.

## RECEIVING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Easter Hymn of Praise”  
*arr. Mary McDonald*

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 298 (vs 4) “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## 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

Believe: Easter “Ted Talks”  
Do You Believe in Miracles?  
*Mark 16:1-8*

Pastor Beth Snarr

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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.



**HYMN** UMH 304

**"Easter People Raise Your Voices"**

- <sup>1</sup> Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
- <sup>2</sup> Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
- <sup>3</sup> Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

**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**

"Hallelujah" Chorus

**A special thank you to those providing today's music**

Michael Ekbladh, Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts  
Chancel Choir

Greg Caruso, trombone  
Geroge Emmanuel, trombone  
Wes Emmanuel, tuba  
Jared Hecker, percussion  
Gavan Mcvey, organ

Drew Miller, trumpet  
Lynn Sandefur-Gardner, piano  
Hunter Schroeder, trumpet  
Madelyn Urbine, horn  
April Zink, trumpet

We are so glad you joined us for worship! Please let us know you were here via the red Fellowship Pads in the pew. If you have a prayer concern or need to change your contact information, please let us know via an online Connection Card.

**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 [fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard](http://fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard)



online Connection Card

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

Please have a Pastor contact me

Please add me to your email list

My contact information:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

Please share only with the Pastors

Please have someone contact me, I am interested in

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Home

The church office and will be closed this Monday, April 1 and will re-open on Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. This is also a holiday for our church staff after the hustle and bustle of Holy Week and Easter preparations. Pastors Beth and Harold will be away beginning Monday, April 1. If you have a pastoral care emergency between April 1-April 5, please contact Pastor Alan Taylor at 352-240-2432.





## WELCOME! FROM THE FIRST UMC FAITH FAMILY

Our Mission is to Connect our Church with our Community  
and our Community with Christ.

### COME GROW WITH US!

If you're a guest celebrating the joy of Easter Sunday with us today; we're so glad you're here!  
If you are seeking a place to grow spiritually, ask questions about God, or connect with others  
then we hope you'll come back and join us again!



## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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## EASTER LILIES

Our Sanctuary is adorned with these flowers to the glory of God and in dedication to loved ones. Listed below are the many who have joined together to create this lovely worship space.

### IN MEMORY OF

**Sandra Gann Allen**

*by Philip Allen and family*

**My grandmother, Annie Cannon Pound**

*by Betty Alsobrook*

**Anne Burch**

*by Sandra Burch Allen*

**Bill Crass**

*by the Crass Family*

**Peggy Van Winkle**

*by Sally Cravens*

**Our parents**

*by Kay and Dan Greathouse*

**Richard Jeter**

*by Karin Jeter*

**Richard Jeter**

*by Andy and Taylor Jeter*

**Richard Jeter**

*by Jill, Steve, Landon, and Ashlynn*

**Departed loved ones**

*by Tom and Carol Morris*

**Frank and Betty O'Byrne**

*by the O'Byrne Family*

**Ruth Ann Wilson**

*by Jean Oldenburg and Ardith Lutz*

**Jonnie and Dickey**

*by Melanie Pate*

**Our fathers, Bill Williams and Darrell Ray**

*by Julie and Doug Ray*

**Our parents**

*by John and Alice Stull*

**Our parents, Rowland and Elaine Medler**

*by Jan Walden, Marilee Bell, and Sue Sharp*

**Our parents**

*by Carol and Joe Ward*

**My mother, Mary Singley, and grandparents,**

**Shirley and Mable Kidd**

*by Patti Williams Edenfield*

**Richard and Ruth Ann Wilson.**

*by Diane Wojcik*

### IN HONOR OF

**Our sons, Glen, Michael, and Donnie**

*by Kay and Dan Greathouse*

**To the Glory of God**

*by Marcia Millett and Kathy Lucas*

**Our family and friends**

*by Tom and Carol Morris*

**Our daughters, Chrissy and Val, and their families**

*by Larry and Cheryl Resch*

**Our parents, Richard and Karen Snarr, and Tom and Carol Morris**

*by Phil and Beth Snarr*

**All who are fighting cancer and all who are supporting them**

*by Phil and Beth Snarr*

**To the Glory of God**

*by Joanie Thompson*



Today's special altar flowers are given by Ann Sales in loving memory of Fred, on what would have been their 67th wedding anniversary.

The rose on the altar is in celebration Evelyn Bruggeman's birth on March 28th. Congratulations to her proud Dad, Mom, and Big Sister: Brad, Brittany, and Lillian!

A special thank you to all who shared their time and talents to make our Sanctuary so beautiful for this morning's Easter celebration. Much of what you see was chosen intentionally in order to magnify the message of new life available to all through Christ's resurrection.



Last Sunday in worship we revealed that **\$2,032,553** had been pledged so far to our capital campaign, "Fulfilling the Master's Plan: Under our Roof and Beyond our Walls. Our goal was \$1,750,000 which means we exceeded it by \$282,553 and more is on the way! What an incredible blessing since there's no

doubt this "overage" will be needed with the cost of building supplies going up, so if you're a member or regular attender and haven't pledged yet, your gift still matters greatly!

After worship at our Celebration Luncheon, we remembered Larry and Liz Shaw who, after passing away in 2022, left us an

incredibly generous bequest of over \$964,000. We share our sincere gratitude for

all the financial commitments that have been made of any size by our faith family. **Thank you!**



**INTERGENERATIONAL MUSICAL COMING IN MAY**

Join us for a 30-minute intergenerational musical to be presented in worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Every group in our music ministry will be involved in this creative production featuring Noah, his wife and all their animal friends! If you'd like to participate on stage or behind the scenes, contact Michael Ekbladh, our Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts, at [michael@fumcgnv.org](mailto:michael@fumcgnv.org).

**THANK YOU TACACHALE/AKTION CLUB**



We received a gift of "stained glass" window hangers made by clients of the Tacachale/ Aktion Club, a service club for adults with disabilities. The hangers were presented to our Director of Adult Discipleship, Janet Rocap by Tachachale Coordinator, Erin Saunders, Shirley Carson, and volunteer Andrea Gilbert. They are displayed at the end of the pews today and everyone is invited to take one home.



Check out all our events and ministries on our website at [www.fumcgnv.org](http://www.fumcgnv.org);

especially our Growth Groups and ways to serve as Christ's hands and feet on our church campus and beyond our walls!

