WORSHIP GUIDE

May 21, 2023 Ascension Sunday

WELCOME PRELUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. John Purifoy

Pastor Beth Snarr Instrumental Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

We see light, hope, and joy;

we bring heart, soul, mind, and body;

we share blessings and fears;

we bring faith and doubt.

With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

HYMN IIMH 57

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

- ¹ O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- ² My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- ³ Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- ⁴ He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
- ⁵ He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- ⁶ Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
- ⁷ In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by evil, and whose love defeated death and promises us life. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust in God.

And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others, to seek justice, to live in peace, to care for the Earth, and to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, wherever found. Amen.

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 "God Is Here" Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 707 (vs 2) "Hymn Of Promise"

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN 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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON Got Hope? Pastor Beth Snarr
Luke 24:44-53

HYMN UMH 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

- ¹ Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
- ² Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- ³ Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- ⁴ Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

"Let All Things Now Living" arr. John Purifoy

Instrumental Ensemble

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan & Kay Greathouse in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

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 note it on the Connection Card.

Our Prayer Blanket and Shawl Ministry group meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Close to work on prayer shawls. For more information, contact Barbara at 561-512-8442.

CONNECTION CARDS

We're glad you're worshiping with us today!

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.

BIBLE 365

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., we will show the Bible Year video for the next week's readings in the Epworth Parlor. Everyone is invited to join us.

PENTECOST AND GRADUATION SUNDAY, MAY 28TH!

Everyone is invited to wear red on Pentecost as we recognize the Holy Spirit among us in this tangible way. We'll also celebrate our graduates in worship that day. If you have recently graduated or know someone who has, please let us know by emailing Pastor Beth at beth@fumcgnv.org.

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