

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Elizabeth Schretzmann

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Elise Caton

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**the One who calls us,**

the One who equips us,

**the One who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

## HYMN UMH 581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

<sup>1</sup> Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

<sup>2</sup> Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

<sup>3</sup> As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

<sup>4</sup> Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, holy Source of all that is.**

**We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.**

**We trust in God's love and wisdom: fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit's working in the Church and beyond.**

## 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

"How Great Thou Art"  
*arr. Lloyd Larson*

Elvis Gomez

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 3) "Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## GATHERING SONG

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

It's Not First UMC Without U!  
Activated  
*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

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## HYMN UMH 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

<sup>1</sup> Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

<sup>2</sup> Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

<sup>3</sup> Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

<sup>4</sup> Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## 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

Elizabeth Schretzmann

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.



## 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 [fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard](https://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Jim and Dorothy Nation in celebration of their 65th 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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

## SAM SHOVEL, PRIVATE EYE

The final performance of "Sam Shovel, Private Eye" is today at 3:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Come with your friends and family to enjoy a radio-noir comedy fundraiser for Family Promise! Can't make in person? We are also broadcasting the performance live at <https://fumcgnv.org/watch>.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who continues to financially support our church over the summer. The pace of activity slows down this time of the year, but the bills keep on coming!

## SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series is titled "It's Not First UMC without U". The summer is coming to close and a new season of ministry stretches out before our faith family. God calls and equips every individual to make a positive difference as we work together as the body of Christ on our campus, in our community, and around our world. How are U helping First UMC be the best WE can be? Not for our glory, but for God's! Interested in ways to serve here at First UMC? Visit our web page using the QR code or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve>.



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