

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner and Jennifer Miller

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Elise Caton

God of Grace, you say "Let there be light",  
**and we come into being.**

Christ, light of the world, you shine in us,  
**and we glow with the radiance of your presence.**

Holy Spirit, fire of God, you burn in us,  
**and we bear the beams of your love into this world.**

Christ, may we shine with the light of your grace.

**Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us from within!**

## HYMN FWS 2103 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

<sup>1</sup> We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

<sup>2</sup> Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Creating God, we believe you made us in the image of your good love. You know what is in us.**

**Loving Christ, we believe you reach out to us with tender mercy and healing. You set us free.**

**Life-giving Spirit, we believe you fill us with your mercy and power. You bear us on a journey of grace.**

## 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

## COUNT ME IN MOMENT

David Hammer

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"  
*Carolyn Jennings*

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2128 (vs 1) "Come And Find The Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

## 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 worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

Under Our Roof, Beyond Our Walls  
Beseeching  
*Mark 9:2-9*

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**HYMN** UMH 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

<sup>1</sup> I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

<sup>2</sup> I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

<sup>3</sup> I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

**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**

Gavan Mcvey

**CONNECTION CARD**



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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 Circle of Friends in celebration of their friendships and connections as sisters in Christ.

These upcoming dates are available for donating altar flowers: March 24, and April 14 and 21. Please contact Janet Rocap at [janet@fumcgnv.org](mailto:janet@fumcgnv.org) for details.

**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 note it on the Connection Card.

**LENT STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14 and we will hold our **Ash Wednesday** service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online at <https://fumcgnv.org/watch>.

**COUNT ME IN!**

“Count Me In” button for our “Fulfilling the Master’s Plan” Capital Campaign are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex/Lobby. Please wear your button to worship over the next few weeks until Commitment Sunday on February 25. Let’s join together and generously support the work of this Capital Campaign that both honors the past and ensures the future of First UMC’s ministry impact for Christ! Visit our web page at <https://fumcgnv.org/CapitalCampaign>.



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