

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betty Kee

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

We gather to share Word and Sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

At home and school and business place - in this community and throughout every land.

How in the world shall we serve our God?

By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

HYMN FWS 2236

"Gather Us In"

¹ Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

² We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old - who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

³ Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt of the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

⁴ Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SERMON

Come To Your Senses!

Pastor Harold Henderson

Taste

Matthew 5:1-13

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Bonney Haugen

HYMN UMH 620

“One Bread, One Body”

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

¹ Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

² Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

³ Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

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

Please place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): _____

Member Guest Regular Attendee

Please add/update my contact information:

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Please add me to your email list

Please have the Pastor contact me

I would like to volunteer, please have someone contact me

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests Please share only with the Pastors

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Harold and Kathy Henderson in celebration of their 4th wedding anniversary.

CONNECTION CARDS

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. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

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.

MISSION MOMENT - CUBA HURRICANE RELIEF

New member, Betty Kee, is our new congregational liaison to our sister church in La Moza and our second-mile giving today is in support of hurricane relief in Cuba. Please make your gift payable to First UMC with the designation Cuba Relief. Thank you for care and prayers for our island neighbors to the South who continue to go through so much and keep praising God every day.

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