

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Abide With Me"
Gavan Mcvey

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Rocap

We gather as God's beloved children –

however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

so this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others.

Let us worship God.

HYMN FWS 2170

"God Made From One Blood"

- ¹ God made from one blood all the families of earth, the circles of nurture that raised us from birth, companions who join us to walk through each stage of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.
- ² We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears for all of the families we've known through the years, the intimate networks on whom we depend of parent and partner and roommate and friend.
- ³ We learn through our families how closeness and trust increase when our actions are loving and just. Yet families have also distorted their roles, mistreating their members and bruising their souls.
- ⁴ Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.
- ⁵ Then widen that wisdom and grace to include the races and viewpoints our families exclude till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in you, Generous God, your grace flows freely for us and for the world.

We believe in you, Jesus, you invited friends and strangers alike to experience life and experience it abundantly.

We believe in you, Bountiful Spirit, you are always with us, even when we are unaware and lead us in generous service.

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
Paul Langston

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

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Better Together
We've Got A Fellowship
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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HYMN UMH 133

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

¹ What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

² O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

³ What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

"Fanfare"
Jacques Lemmens

Gavan Mcvey

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



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

Volunteering Membership at First UMC

Growth Groups Other

Mobile Home

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Carol Morris in celebration of the crafters, church family, and friends who supported Holiday Marketplace 2023.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED!

We've begun our annual Stewardship Campaign and all members and regular attenders should have received a packet from us in the mail. Please take the time to prayerfully consider the information enclosed and how you can support the ministries and operations of First UMC in 2024.

We ask that you return your pledge card next week on November 19, Commitment Sunday. If you did not receive a pledge packet or need another, they are some available at the Welcome Table, or you can fill out a pledge card online at <https://fumcgnv.org/pledge>. Thank you for supporting your faith family in this necessary and tangible way. We are **Better Together!**



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY

The church office will be closed this Monday, November 13, in observance of Veterans Day. The office reopen on Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.

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