

WELCOME		Pastor Beth Snarr
PRELUDE	"Our Father" <i>Mike Woodruff</i>	Mike Woodruff and Carl Rocap
CALL TO WORSHIP		Steve Kee
God's love is boldly extravagant!		
God pours out God's love as a cleansing lotion for our weary souls.		
God's love is healing!		
God's healing balm soothes and comforts us.		
God's love is generous!		
God continually reaches out for us and helps us throughout all our lives.		
Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous love.		
Amen.		
HYMN	UMH 172	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
¹ My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.		
² I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.		
³ In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.		
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.		
We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.		
We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and 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		
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY RESIDING HOPE		Elisabeth Gadd
RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"This Little Light of Mine" <i>arr. Mark Patterson</i>	Chancel Choir
CALL TO PRAYER	UMH 408 (vs 3)	"The Gift of Love"
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Pastor Harold Henderson
LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895	
GATHERING SONG	UMH 585 (vs 1)	"This Little Light of Mine"
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
SERMON	"Vile"-tal Vision Love Boldly <i>1 John 4:16-21</i>	Pastor Beth Snarr

- HYMN** UMH 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"
- ¹ 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.
 - ² 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.
 - ³ 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.
 - ⁴ 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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

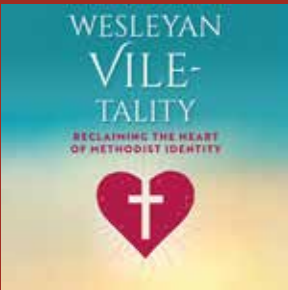
Today's altar flowers are given by Margret Steptoe in loving memory of Billy Steptoe and in honor of her son and grandchildren.

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@fumcgvn.org or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Our current sermon series is titled "'Vile'-tal Vision: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously" that invites us to embrace the original Wesleyan spirit of faith. This series is inspired by the book, *Wesleyan Vile-tality* by Ashley Boggan, and the new vision statement of the United Methodist Church. John Wesley, an Anglican priest who would become the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote in a journal entry from April 2, 1739, describing his decision to preach outside of a church, as: "I submitted to be more vile." In other words, *Wesleyan vile-tality* is a willingness to look beyond today's acceptable practices and norms, and bend the rules in order to ensure that more people can experience the love of God. This journey back to the heart of Methodism challenges us to live fully into today's new UMC vision statement by **loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously** with Jesus in the lead!



COMMUNION AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY!

A brief Service of Holy Communion (approx. 15 minutes) will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel immediately after worship today. Everyone is welcome!



HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE GIFT BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED

We are asking for donations of gift cards, or monetary donations that will be used to purchase gift cards, to help build the always-popular Gift Baskets for the Holiday Marketplace on November 7, 8, and 9! Holiday Marketplace is our yearly event that helps raise funds for various missions and ministries. Stop by the Holiday Marketplace table in the Narthex for more information. Please help us help others!

STEPHEN MINISTRY EVENT - OCTOBER 5

The Stephen Ministry leaders will be holding an educational Bible study and lunch at noon on Sunday, October 5 in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry at First UMC. You can sign up or get more information at the Welcome Table after worship or by contacting them at StephenMinisters@fumcgvn.org.



The light of Jesus shines most brightly when our God-given time and talents are shared in service to others. Learn where you can volunteer by using the QR code above or visit fumcgvn.org/ways-to-serve

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