

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

Saxophone Quartet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Rocap

Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.

The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.

Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.

Welcome to worship this glorious day!

Let our lives be a testimony to God's redeeming love! Amen.

HYMN UMH 610 "We Know That Christ is Raised"

¹ We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

² We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!

³ A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God: present in every time and in every place, generating and sustaining all life, and nurturing relationship with Creation.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who journeys with us, and makes our faith possible in every situation and every circumstance.

We believe that every place we pause to recognize the mystery of our Triune God is a sacred place, and we are grateful.

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

Saxophone Quartet

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 496 (vs 1) "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 fumcgvn.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): _____

Member First-Time Guest Regular Attendee

Prayer Requests Please share with the Prayer Team Please share only with the Pastor

Please add/update my contact information:

Mobile

Home

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please add me to your email list

Please have the Pastor contact me

I would like to volunteer, please have someone contact me

Questions or Comments?

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 191 (vs 1)

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carl Rocap

SERMON

"From the Tomb"

Pastor Harold Henderson

See God

John 20:19-31

HYMN UMH 364

"Because He Lives"

¹ God sent his son, they called Him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

² How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

³ And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

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

Saxophone Quartet

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Dan and Kay Greathouse in celebration of their 55th 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@fumcgvn.org.

EASTER BLESSINGS!

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to make our Holy Week services and Easter celebration filled with meaning and joy. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



TEXT TO GIVE

Text FUMCGNV to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)



GIVE ONLINE

Visit our website www.fumcgvn.com/give-online or via the First UMC app



GIVE BY CHECK

Mail or bring your check to the Church Office 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601



Have you considered long-term support of our church ministries through our Legacy Endowment Fund? For more details, contact legacy@fumcgvn.org