

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Maggie Tran

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Savastano

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship.

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

HYMN UMH 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

¹ Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

² Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

³ Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

⁴ Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Creator who made us.

We believe in the Redeemer who calls us.

We believe in the Sustainer who empowers us.

We believe in the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer who binds us together in love as a community of love.

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 Be In My Head”
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

GATHERING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

Wesleyan Rooted
Grow Deeply
Ephesians 3:14-19

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HYMN UMH 415

“Take Up Thy Cross”

¹ “Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”

² Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

³ Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

⁴ Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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

Maggie Tran

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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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Hugh & Betty McDowell in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

WELCOME MAGGIE!

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new organist, Maggie Tran! Maggie comes to us from Wesley UMC and is a senior at the University of Florida studying organ performance. She plans to continue after graduation working on an advanced degree at UF.

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 go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION MOMENT - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Today's second mile giving is in support of our Community Outreach Ministry. COM provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS TODAY

Today, we start a new new sermon series titled "Wesleyan Rooted" where we will explore our life in Christ, from a Wesleyan perspective, that involves growth in grace and love. Our lives are rooted in God's unbounded love and transformed by God's universal grace. The Christian journey entails the restoration of God's image in our lives and growth into deeper levels of love for God and neighbor. This series will explore and challenge us to embrace six practices that will deepen our personal discipleship and expand the positive impact of our Christ-centered congregation.



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