

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Aria in C Minor"
J.C. Bach

Pastor Beth Snarr
Anait Piloyan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Resch

Welcome! The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Come! Let us worship!

So, come, beloved! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward love, and woven together as community in Christ.

Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God!

HYMN

UMH 129

"Give To The Winds Thy Fears"

¹ Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.

² Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way; wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

³ Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.

⁴ Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Michael Ekbladh

arr. Linda Lamb

CALL TO PRAYER

UMH 420 (vs 1)

"Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

GATHERING SONG

UMH 191

"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

SERMON

Who's Your "She"ro?

Pastor Beth Snarr

Lament to Liberation

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

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

Pastor Beth Snarr

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"
Antonio Soler

Anait Piloyan

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given
by Charlene Smith in loving memory of Charles and Betty Bell, and Frank and Betty O'Byrne;
and
by Sheri Helm in loving memory of her father, Bob Caldwell's birthday, and her husband,
Patrick Helm.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at prayer@fumcgvn.org or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

PRAYER TEAM

The First UMC Prayer Team is a confidential, on-line group of people who covenant to serve as intercessory pray-ers, praying over the needs that are raised throughout the week. Intercessory prayer, when we pray for others, is a powerful ministry that uplifts dozens of people and situations, known and unknown, invoking the mercy, healing, blessing, and justice of our loving, ever-present God. Team members agree to pray regularly, in their own place and style, for an ongoing list of needs and praises. You are invited to join the First UMC Prayer Team! Please contact Janet Rocap at janet@fumcgvn.org if you are interested.

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The mission focus today is our Community Outreach Ministry. COM maintains a small pantry to provide some food to those clients who visit COM and are seriously in need of food that day in addition to a list of community food resources. The COM food pantry has become very depleted so please watch for specials on such things as hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal and long-life milk (not powdered), and protein items such as tuna, canned chicken, and beanie weenies. Items can be brought to the Church Office or left at the Welcome Table, and identified as donations for the COM food pantry. Thank you!

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS TODAY

Auditions for the Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner will be held today after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Talent Show and Spaghettin Dinner will be held on August 15 and will be an opportunity to see the talent we have here at First UMC along with eating an enjoyable spaghetti dinner provided by our United Women in Faith! Seating is limited and reservations are required. You can reserve your seat online via the First UMC home page or by contacting the Church Office. Contact Michael Ekbladh at michael@fumcgvn.org for more information.

NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Since we are celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service, there will not be a separate Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel today.

ZOE EMPOWER PRESENTATION

If you missed the presentation by Pastor Beth and Elise Caton on their Kenya trip at last week's Simple Sunday Lunch, you can view it online! The link is on our home page at <https://fumcgvn.org>.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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



GIVE BY CHECK

Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 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



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