

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Elise Caton

We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of others in our lives.

**Each of us is created with dignity and worth.**

We are called to love each other and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

**Love does not exclude. We are all worthy.**

True justice flourishes when we can live with authenticity and integrity.

**May we work to build a community where all are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts.**

We celebrate diversity as a blessing that enriches us all.

## HYMN UMH 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

<sup>1</sup> Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

<sup>2</sup> Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure though art.

<sup>3</sup> Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the Divine Creator, the Parent of the whole creation.**

**We believe in the Divine Savior, the Restorer of our broken world.**

**We believe in the Divine Life of all that lives, the Love that binds all things together in one family.**

## 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

"Jesus Loves Me"  
*arr. Anna Waren*

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 357 (vs 1) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

## 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

## SERMON

Faith Family Matters  
Christ-Centered Authenticity  
*Philippians 3:1-11*

Pastor Beth Snarr

## HYMN UMH 370 "Victory in Jesus"

<sup>1</sup> I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

<sup>2</sup> I heard about his healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

<sup>3</sup> I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

## 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

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



online 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 [fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard](http://fumcgv.org/ConnectionCard)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please have a Pastor contact me

Please add me to your email list

My contact information:

Please have someone contact me, I am interested in

Volunteering

Membership at First UMC

Growth Groups

Other

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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests

Please share only with the Pastors

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Dorothy and Jim Nation in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary on August 22.

### 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@fumcgv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

### MISSION MOMENT - HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE GIVING TREE

This week our mission moment focusses on the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is a special part of our Holiday Marketplace and is an exciting way for you to help support our mission projects. At the Giving Tree booth, we will sell items donated by our congregation. The items will include higher priced merchandise as well as gift certificates for services and gift cards that will be sold at slightly discounted prices. Donations of gift cards are appreciated or if you make a monetary gift marked, "Giving Tree," we'll do the shopping for you!

### FELLOWSHIP PADS ARE BACK

During our offering time, please add your name to the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the pew so others can add their names. **If you are a first-time guest**, we hope you'll also include your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week. Online worshippers and those with prayer concerns can still use the online Connection Cards.

### JOIN A GROWTH GROUP!

Growth Groups are a wonderful way to gather with others in our faith family to study, pray, and engage in respectful, challenging conversation in order to be formed more in the image of Jesus. These groups are of various sizes and meet on an on-going, long-term, or short-term basis. Check out our Growth Group page at [fumcgv.org/GrowthGroups](http://fumcgv.org/GrowthGroups) or contact Janet Rocap, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at [janet@fumcgv.org](mailto:janet@fumcgv.org) (she also hangs out before Sunday worship in our Narthex/lobby if you want to talk to her in person).

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 2023 marks our four-year anniversary as a Reconciling Ministries Congregation! In 2019, the First UMC faith family voted overwhelmingly to become the first (and only) congregation in the Reconciling Ministries Network in the Gainesville area. Thanks be to God for Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors!

## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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