

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"As the Deer"
arr. Phillip Keveren

Pastor Beth Snarr
Michael Knowles

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
the One who calls us,
the One who equips us,
the One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship and serve God.

Ashley Ordway

HYMN UMH 568

"Christ For The World We Sing"

¹ Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

² Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

³ Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

⁴ Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God created for our enjoyment all things bright and beautiful.
We believe God holds with tender care all things wrenching and hard.
We believe God loves without condition you and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies.
Thanks be to God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. 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

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"
arr. Hal Hopson

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
Serve Joyfully
1 Peter 4:8-11

Pastor Beth Snarr

HYMN UMH 438

"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord"

¹ Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

² The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

³ Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

⁴ For thee delightfully employ what e’er thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. Phillip Keveren

Michael Knowles

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Brendan and Dalis Shortley in celebration of Brendan Jr's first birthday.

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>.

MINISTRY FOCUS - FAMILY PROMISE

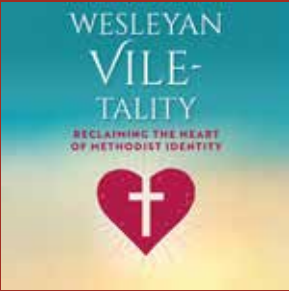
Our Ministry Focus today is Family Promise of Gainesville who are working towards a community where every family has a home, a livelihood, and a chance to build a better future by providing children and families facing homelessness with life-changing resources like diversion, shelter, and stabilization. Your second-mile gift will help Family Promise in their life-changing mission. Please note "Family Promise" on your gift.

GRATEFUL GARDENERS

Everyone is invited to join the Grateful Gardeners on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 a.m. until noon to help with some weed pulling, leaf raking, mulching, etc. to make our church as welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside! Bring some garden tools and gloves if you have them! Questions? Contact Olivia Cason at oycason@yahoo.com or pick up a flyer from the Welcome Table this Sunday.

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!



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 after worship today or drop an email to HolidayMarketplace@fumcgnv.org 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 after worship at the Welcome Table or by contacting them at StephenMinisters@fumcgnv.org.

COMMUNION AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

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



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 fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve



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