

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"  
*Anthony Giamanco*

Maggie Tran

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Marlene Udell

Though the way seems long and the road rough,

**we will trust the One who leads us.**

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome,

**we will place our lives in Christ's loving care.**

It is Christ who brings us to green pastures and restores our souls.

**It is Christ who gives us hope and peace to be shared. Let us worship Christ our Lord.**

## HYMN UMH 399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

<sup>1</sup> Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

<sup>2</sup> Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

<sup>3</sup> Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe I need a shepherd. Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident. Because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do. Because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places. Because the things I crave may not be what is good for me. I need a shepherd.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. His wisdom leads me to the best opportunities. His word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid. His arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. That the love he gives me is to be shared with others. That he treasures my name and prepares a place for me. That his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, the good shepherd.**

## 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

"Down to the River to Pray"  
*Traditional Spiritual*

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## GATHERING SONG FWS 2233

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song; this is where children belong.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

Fear<Less  
Jesus is Personal  
*John 10:11-18*

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## HYMN FWS 2206

"Without Seeing You"

*Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace; without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.*

<sup>1</sup> We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust; turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.

<sup>2</sup> The sparrow will find a home, near to you, oh God; how happy, we who dwell with you, forever in your house.

<sup>3</sup> Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God; proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.

<sup>4</sup> For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need; in green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace.

## 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

"Passacaglia and Pifaro on NETTLETON"  
*William Allen Pasch*

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.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are by Alex and Beth Gibson in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary, their children, and Barbara DuPont's 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@fumcgvn.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgvn.org) or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

## MISSION FOCUS - UMC NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Today is one of the six, churchwide UMC Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. Our mission focus today is the UMC Native American Ministries where we come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities, and to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church. Our second-mile gifts will help address the critical shortage of Native American pastors and trained leaders, and help ensure that Indigenous communities have strong representation and leadership within the Church. Please indicate "Special Sunday" on your second-mile gift.

## DIAPER AND FORMULA DRIVE FOR APRIL

This is the last Sunday for collecting diapers and formula for the Rural Women's Health Project which is a local health justice non-profit that designs and implements projects that strengthen communities and their understanding of critical health and social justice issues. The diaper sizes and specific formula brands to meet the specific needs of those they are serving can be found on our web site at <https://fumcgvn.org/diapers>. Thanks in advance for sharing the love of the resurrected Christ all month long in this very tangible way!

## COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!



## EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP STARTS SUNDAY, MAY 3

Exploring Membership are conversational and informative sessions for anyone who desires to learn more about First UMC and Methodism and are a great way to get to know some new people, and to answer any questions you might have. This series of three, one-hour sessions are starting on May 3 at 9:15 a.m. - childcare will be available. Attending the sessions are not a commitment to join the church, but for those who are ready, you will have the opportunity to join as a member of First UMC during worship on Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. Please contact Janet Rocap, our Director of Adult Discipleship, at [janet@fumcgvn.org](mailto:janet@fumcgvn.org) with any questions or to sign up. If you're already a member but you'd like to meet new people and join in the conversation, you're welcome in the class also!



## 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](http://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](mailto:legacy@fumcgvn.org)



### GIVE ONLINE

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