

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 out to green pastures and restores our souls.

It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord!

HYMN UMH 89

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

² All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

³ Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

⁴ Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Good Shepherd who tends us, guides us into pastures, and recognizes the sounds of our names.

We believe in the Good Shepherd who bends to heal us and travels through the deepest valleys with us.

We believe in the Good Shepherd whose rod and staff comfort us, whose strength and love holds us, whose cup of love runneth over.

We believe in the Good Shepherd and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Abide With Me"

Jessica Van Leer

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 707 (vs 2)

"Hymn Of Promise"

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN FWS 2233

"Where Children Belong"

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Got Hope?

Pastor Harold Henderson

John 10:1-10

HYMN UMH 381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

¹ Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

² We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

³ Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

⁴ Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

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CONNECTION CARD



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Kathy and Harold Henderson in loving memory of Kathy's son, Eric.

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 or note it on the Connection Card.

TODAY'S MISSION MOMENT

Our second-mile giving on this fifth Sunday is in support of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home whose vision is to heal and restore children and families through the love of God. Please include "Children's Home" or "FUMCH" in the note on your check or online gift.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REVEREND DICK WILSON

The service for Dick Wilson will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary with a reception to follow. Please continue to keep Dick's wife Ruth Ann and their family in prayer.

NEW SERMON SERIES - GOT HOPE?

The Easter season is about living into the new reality of the resurrected Christ. The shocking news that death isn't the end of the human story takes some reorientation to begin to understand the implications of such a profound truth. So, the 50 days of Eastertide is when we let this knowledge wash over us, and we begin, with joy, to embrace this new way of living. Our "Got Hope?" sermon series will explore this living hope that's available to us in the midst of any hardships that come our way as individuals and as a community of faith. Got hope?... you bet we do!

REQUIEM PREMIERE CONCERT

A great, big thank-you to everyone who helped make the Requiem Premiere Concert last Sunday such a rousing success. If you missed the concert, or want to watch it again, there is a link on the First UMC home page.

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