

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Maggie Tran

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Kee

God has set this day before us,

a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,

a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

so that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 147

"All Things Bright And Beautiful"

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

¹ Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

² The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

³ The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

⁴ God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who created us, who loves us and makes us whole.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose death and resurrection is our salvation and our example.

We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who calls us to abundant life.

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

"We Are Yours Lord"
Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 393

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Awakened to Grace
Sabbath
Genesis 2:2-3

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HYMN UMH 126

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

¹ Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

² The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

³ Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

⁴ Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

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

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 given by Tony and Donna Witts in memory of Donna's father, Don and in celebration of Wynona, Tony's mother, for her 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 or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

OUR SERMON SERIES

Our current sermon series is titled "Awakened to Grace". This series invites us to begin the year by rediscovering the simple, transformative practices that open us to God's presence - Prayer, Scripture, Silence, Fasting, Sabbath, and Service. May these practices, made visible in ordinary life and everyday discipleship, open us to extraordinary love.



SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY CHALLENGE ENDS TODAY!



Super Bowl Sunday is today and we are having a friendly competition that makes a big impact! Help the team you're rooting for (Seattle Seahawks or New England Patriots) win with cans of soup or monetary donations to support Bread Of The Mighty, a local food bank. One can of soup or one dollar equals 1 point for your favorite team and this week we will count up the cans and dollars to see which team takes home the victory!

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!



One of our Stephen Ministers are present each week at the Service of Holy Communion if you need someone to talk to and/or to pray with you after the service. Our Stephen Ministers are lay persons who share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Have questions about Stephen Ministry? Contact them at StephenMinisters@fumcgvn.org.

LENT 2026

This season of repentance, reflection, and renewal begins on February 18 with an ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. at **Grace Presbyterian Church** (3146 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32609). During these difficult times when division is too often the norm, this will be a wonderful time of connection and solidarity as Christ followers who are called to "repent and believe the Gospel".



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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