

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"To Know You"  
*Citizens*

Whitney Wheeler

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Wheeler

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that caused us worry and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God!**

## HYMN UMH 303

"The Day Of Resurrection"

<sup>1</sup> The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

<sup>2</sup> Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

<sup>3</sup> Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the risen Christ, who was the disciples' companion on the road to Emmaus.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who is at our side on the journey of faith, on life's pathways, and at every encounter.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who grants us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them.**

## 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

"I Believe"  
*Mark Miller*

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

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## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## GATHERING SONG 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

Pastor Beth Snarr

## SERMON

Fear<Less  
Jesus is Present  
*Luke 24:13-35*

Rev. Joel Pancoast



## HYMN UMH 159

"Lift High The Cross"

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

<sup>1</sup> Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

<sup>2</sup> Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

<sup>3</sup> O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

<sup>4</sup> So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for 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

Maggie Tran

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are by Sandra and Robert Reeves to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary.

## 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 - GATOR WESLEY

Today's second-mile gifts will support Gator Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist campus ministry for UF and SFC. The ministry at Gator Wesley has been critical to the formation of Christ-following young adults for the last 100 years! Although Gator Wesley receives financial support from the Florida Annual Conference, they are responsible for raising approximately 50% of their annual budget - thanks in advance for your generosity in support of these amazing college students who are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but who are leading well today!



## DIAPER AND FORMULA DRIVE FOR APRIL

This month, we are 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)



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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)



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