

WELCOME
PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson
Maggie Tran
Steve Caton

Whom do you seek here in this place?
We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.
Who has told you of God?
Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.
Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?
We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day.

HYMN UMH 454“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

¹ Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

² Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

³ Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eternal God, you brought forth light and life and gifted them to us. In wonder, we praise you.

Loving Christ, you save us, heal us, lead us, and encourage us. In awe, we thank you.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with your beauty and power. In gratitude, we worship you.

In wonder, awe, and gratitude, we are yours and you are ours. This we believe! 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

“Give Me Jesus”
arr. Frenando Ortega

Sandy Reeves

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 77“How Great Thou Art”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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 worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Carl Rocap

SERMON

Then Sings My Soul
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(What Joy Wants To Be)
Psalm 16

Elise Caton

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.

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 Larry and Donna Parrish in celebration of their 55th 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 or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - METCALFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Today's mission focus is on our school/church partnership with Metcalfe Elementary School. Our United Women in Faith provided a pizza lunch for the staff and teachers this past Friday as they prepared for the start of a new school year. We have been in partnership with Metcalfe for nine years and our second-mile gifts for today will help purchase cases of copy paper for them again this year. Each case contains ten reams of paper. Please note "Metcalfe" on your gift.

SAM SHOVEL 2 - THE LONG WALK GOODBYE FINAL SHOW TODAY

Sam Shovel is a radio noir comedy that is having its final presentation today at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this "pay-what-you-can" fundraiser support the FUMPers Scholarship Fund.



ALTAR GUILD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Altar Guild is a group of people who ensure that the altar area is ready for the worship service and includes such things as filling the candles with oil, changing the altar cloths, and preparing for Communion. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the Altar Guild, please contact Sondra Moorhead at babbler_semipro_0i@icloud.com.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

A Stephen Minister will be available for the half-hour after worship every Sunday through the summer in the Epworth Parlor. You can also contact them by email at stephenministers@fumcgvn.org.



PASTOR BETH ON SPIRITUAL RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Beth is on Spiritual Renewal leave and will be unavailable until she returns on August 24. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Harold by email at harold@fumcgvn.org or call his cell phone at 352-246-7998.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Our summer sermon series, "Then Sings My Soul", is exploring some well-loved messages from our Biblical hymnbook, the Psalms, in conjunction with some well-loved hymns from our United Methodist hymnbook. How will the songs of our souls translate into our work in the world on behalf of the grace-filled Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer in whom we live?

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

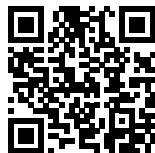


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