July 27, 2025 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Harold Henderson Maggie Tran

Ashley Ordway

"Voluntary" Lucien H. Southard

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Holy One, you provide for us in ways we never know.

Alleluia! We praise you!

Loving Christ, you heal us, accompany us, and set us on our feet when we have fallen.

Alleluia! We thank you!

Holy Spirit, you empower us with gratitude and compassion, with humility and courage.

Alleluia! Shape us by your grace, that we may bear your love into this world.

HYMN UMH 467

"Trust And Obev"

¹ When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

- ² Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
- ³ But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.
- ⁴ Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator of all that is and all that is to come.

We believe in Jesus, who embodied the loving presence of God. He was crucified under the powers of worldly empire and he was raised by the power of love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we are joined as one Body in Christ, growing in grace. Following the guidance of our ever-present companion, we love with gentleness, seek justice with courage, and serve with joy.

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

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 77

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!

John Ylvisaker

"How Great Thou Art"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

HYMN UMH 206

SERMON

Then Sings My Soul I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

Psalm 95

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

¹ I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is lesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- ² I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
- ³ I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.



Carl Rocap

Pastor Clair Carter

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" Sadie Court

Pastor Harold Henderson

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

"Jubilate" David Lasky Maggie Tran

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by

- The Mentz Family in celebration and honor of high school marching bands as they prepare for their new school year shows.
- Patrick and Cheryl Helm in loving celebration of their grandchildren and especially Jordan on 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@fumcgnv.org* or go to *https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest*.

SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY SOCIAL FOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY CLASS ON AUGUST 3

Only Youth is our Growth Group just for youth that meets on-campus every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Cafe located on the second floor of Bell Hall. In preparation for the start of a new year, they will be having a family social after worship **next Sunday**, August 3, in the Scout Hut. Please bring some newspapers to the Social for a team building game! More details will be coming soon or contact Trisha Eccles at *OnlyYouth@fumcgnv.org*.

SAM SHOVEL 2 - THE LONG WALK GOODBYE

Sam Shovel is a radio noir comedy that will be presented on **August 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m.**, and **August 10 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this "pay-what-you-can" fundraiser support the FUMPers Scholarship Fund. Questions? Drop an email to *SamShovel2@fumcgnv.org*.



HELPING HANDS CLINIC MATCH CHALLENGE

This is the last Sunday for the Helping Hands Clinic match challenge. All second-mile gifts to HHC this month will be matched by an anonymous donor. Please mark "HHC" on your gift.

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@fumcgnv.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@fumcgnv.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?

Today's preacher is the Reverend Clair Carter who is a deacon in full connection serving on loan from the Louisiana annual conference. She leads the Circles Gainesville ministry at Faith Mission, located on NE 15th Street here in Gainesville, and she loves to collaborate with United Methodist churches and ministries throughout the district.



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 fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

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