

WORSHIP GUIDE

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

"Dreams, We All Have Dreams"
Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Resch

Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

Let us worship the triune God.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

Let us worship the triune God.

The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

HYMN UMH 150

"God, Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens"

- ¹ God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
- ² Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row; yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.
- ³ We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through uncharted realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
- ⁴ As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Parent, maker of all things and source of all life. We were made in God's image to do justice, to speak truth, and to live in love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. Fully human and fully divine, he walked among us, showing us how to love and serve.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal power and presence of God. The Spirit binds us together, dwells within us, guides our minds, and empowers us to live out our faith in the world.

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

"Child of God"
Mark Miller

Chancel Choir and First Choristers

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 328

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

YOUTH AND CHILDREN PRESENTATION: THE TALE OF THREE TREES

SERMON

The Trinity? A Good Question!
Matthew 28:16-20
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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HYMN UMH 664

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

- ¹ Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
- ² With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, and your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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

"Prelude G Minor"
Dieterich Buxtehude

Anait Piloyan

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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 Phil and Beth Snarr in loving celebration of their 6th 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>.

THE TALE OF THREE TREES

Today, our youth and children will be presenting "The Tale of Three Trees" based on the book by Angela Elwell Hunt. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

The performers are Narrator: Brent Perkins-Scofield, Jr.; The First Tree: Sadie Court; The Second Tree: Evie Bruce; The Third Tree: Charlotte Terracina; Woodcutters/Wood Crafters: Gia Bruce, Janan Ghasemi, Jack Terracina; and Jesus: Jack Terracina. Set painting by Louise Ciafalo and Production Assistants: Trisha Eccles, Lynnette Edmondson, and Christa Court.

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!

MISSION FOCUS - 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

Every year during the Annual Conference, an offering is taken to fund grants to help local congregations address critical needs in their communities across the state. This year's Annual Conference Offering will be divided between the following:

Florida Diversity Fund

The Florida Diversity Fund (FDF), conceived in 2023, aims to strengthen ethnic clergy and churches by addressing historical inequities within The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church. Building on the 2022 resolution requiring 40% of annual Cabinet Development Fund spending to support ethnic churches, the FDF seeks an initial \$3 million investment to provide salary support, education, debt relief, technology upgrades, coaching, and facility improvements for churches in under-resourced communities.

Affordability Grants

These grants will help UMC congregations respond to the real challenges facing their communities - from the housing crisis and rising food insecurity to the needs of immigrant families seeking safety and stability. In Florida, more than 3.2 million people, about 1 in 7 residents, face hunger, including over 800,000 children, and nearly 2.8 million people live in poverty. At the same time, over 2.4 million low-income households struggle with the cost of housing, often paying more than they can afford just to keep a roof over their heads. Affordability Grants will empower churches to respond with compassion and creativity, providing resources that allow local ministries to feed the hungry, support families in crisis, walk alongside immigrant neighbors, and bring hope to people who are hurting.

Please mark your second-mile gift as "Annual Conference Offering". Thank you!

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



GIVE BY CHECK

Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601



Have you considered long-term support of our church ministries through our Legacy Endowment Fund? For more details, contact legacy@fumcgvn.org



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