

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Procession of the Animals"
Allen Pote

Instrumental Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new, the good news was shared in many languages and all understood.

In those days, the church was born, with joy and awe.

The church was born. A light on a lampstand called to shine with good works to glorify God and reflect the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

Our church.

God's church.

Let us worship with the power of love poured out among us and flowing through us!

HYMN UMH 374

"Standing On The Promises"

¹ Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

² Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

³ Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword, standing on the promises of God.

⁴ Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit, who sets our hearts on fire and calls us to burn with compassion in service to others.

We believe in the power of Christ that grows us anew, uprooting us when we have been unmoved, and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.

We believe in the Spirit that dances within our spirits and breathes on us generous peace that we will share generously.

This we believe with gratitude for all that was, and is, and is to come.

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

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Love"
Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir and Zach Strickland

CALL TO PRAYER

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 122

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

¹ God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

² God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature cry
Woe How does the creature cry Save

³ God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

⁴ God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal How does the creature say Care How
does the creature say Life

⁵ God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

⁶ God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How
do your children say Home

"A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE"

Carol Mcann and Allen Pote

BENEDICTION

Pastor Beth Snarr

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

"Bows and Finale"
Allen Pote

Instrumental Ensemble

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.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne Oquendo in loving memory of her mother, Genevieve Miller, and her brother, Jeff Miller.

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 note it on the Connection Card.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our graduates celebrated in worship today. Lydian Haugen, Buchholz High School; Rylan Howard, Loften High School; Anna Farabee, University of Central Florida, BS in Psychology; Gavan Mcvey, University of Florida, Bachelor of Music; Cheryl Resch, University of Florida; PhD in Human-Centered Computing

"A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE" CAST AND CREW

John Bevis, Dean Brown, Drew Brown, Erin Bruce, Evie Bruce, Gia Bruce, Mike Bruce, Christa Court, Mike Court, Sadie Court, Chris Demers, Jill Dumas, Madison Dymont, Lynnette Edmondson, Michael Ekbladh, Alex Gibson, Beth Gibson, Elvis Gomez, Ryan Hecker, Karin Jeter, Tim Leslie, Gavan McVey, Drew Miller, Jennifer Miller, Cameron Perrin, Sandy Reeves, Larry Resch, Elaina Rodriguez, Lynn Sandefur-Gardner, Chuck Sanders, Beth Snarr, Phil Snarr, Garrett Stevens, Charlotte Terracina, Jack Terracina, John Terracina, Krista Terracina, Mike Woodruff, April Zink, the Chancel Choir, and everyone in our congregation today.

A HUGE thank you to the parents and children in our production for giving their time and talents to bring the story of the Ark to life; to First United Methodist Church of Lakeland and Diana Russell for the generous use of their amazing animal headpieces; to Wesley United Methodist Church for the use of their costumes; and to the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville for use of their projector.

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