

WORSHIP GUIDE

November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Rocap

The time of gathering is here.

We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.

In the name of Christ the King, we pray.

Amen.

HYMN UMH 131

"We Gather Together"

¹ We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

² Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

³ We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world - which some seek to control, but which others view with despair - we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to him! Christ is King! Let the earth be glad! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

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.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Gather Together"
Arr. Heather Sorenson

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2206

"Without Seeing You"

Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace; without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

CONNECTION CARD

You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at fumcgvn.org/ConnectionCard

Name(s): _____

Member First-Time Guest Regular Attendee

Prayer Requests Please share with the Prayer Team Please share only with the Pastor

Please add/update my contact information:

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile Home

Address: _____

Please add me to your email list

Please have the Pastor contact me

I would like to volunteer, please have someone contact me

Questions or Comments?

HYMN UMH 147

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carl Rocap

SERMON

Pastor Harold Henderson

"A Different Kind of King"

John 18: 33-38, Revelation 1: 4b-6, and Philippians 2: 4-8

HYMN W&S 3128

"Whatever You Do"

¹ "Whatever you do to the least ones of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me!" Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew that when we serve others, we also serve you.

² When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end, when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend, when thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" we hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

³ In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise; we see you in people whom others despise. At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

⁴ When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands, we notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace; we see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

⁵ "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear that when we serve others, we're serving you here. And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain, then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

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

Gavan Mcvey

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Tom and Carol Morris in celebration of Pastor Beth's birthday.

CONNECTION CARDS

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week.

Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

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.

COMMITMENT CARDS

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday where members and regular attendees of First UMC were given the opportunity to let us know their intentions for monetarily supporting the transformational work of our congregation. Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their pledge, but if you have not done so, it is not too late. You can still:

- return your commitment card by mail via the pre-addressed envelope provided with the packet you received
- bring your commitment card to the church office
- drop your commitment card in the offering on Sunday
- submit an online commitment card at fumcgnv.org/pledge

Thank you in advance for your generosity as it makes our witness to Christ's light in the world possible!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES**TEXT TO GIVE**

Text FUMCGNV

to

1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

**GIVE ONLINE**

Visit our website

www.fumcgnv.com/give-online

or via the First UMC app

**GIVE BY CHECK**

Mail or bring your check to the Church Office
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@fumcgnv.org