

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

“Prelude with Strong Stops”
Xavier Ludwig Hartig

Maggie Tran

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ray

We come this day having been tossed about on the sea of life - feeling overwhelmed by the waves of time and needs.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our cries.

Help us to place you in our sights - to see and feel your presence with us.

Give us courage and strength to listen and learn from you.

HYMN

UMH 139 (vss. 1, 2, 5)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’re in his keeping maintaining. God’s care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creator God, Holy of Holies, Great Mystery, Generous Love, we worship you.

Jesus Christ, Humble Savior, Embodied Love, Faithful One, we thank you.

Holy Spirit, Divine Presence, Flowing Love, we praise you.

We open our hearts and raise our voices to the glory of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Alleluia! 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

“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”

Sondra and Jack Moorhead

Franz Josef Haydn

CALL TO PRAYER

UMH 408 (vs 3)

“The Gift of Love”

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

“What I Did On My Summer Vacation”

Pastor Beth Snarr

Psalms 121

HYMN

UMH 399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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

“Partita on Lobe den Herren”

Maggie Tran

Don Freudenberg

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.



CHURCH CLOSED MONDAY

The church will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The church office will re-open under its normal schedule on Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by an anonymous donor for the glory of God and His continuing faithfulness!

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 - RESIDING HOPE

Our mission focus for this Sunday is Residing Hope (formerly known as the Florida United Methodist Children's Home) Residing Hope is a diverse ministry that includes therapeutic residential care, foster care, independent living assistance, Montessori education for the community, and counseling services in multiple counties. Your second-mile gifts today will help maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth, and their families. Please note "Residing Hope" on your gift.



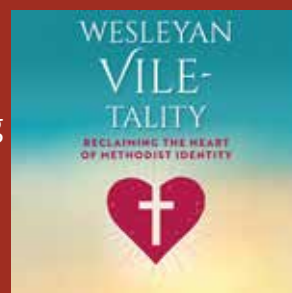
STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

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@fumcgvn.org.



NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, we will be starting a new four-week sermon series titled "'Vile'-tal Vision: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously" and invites us to embrace the original Wesleyan spirit of faith. This series was inspired by the book, *Wesleyan Vile-tality* by Ashley Boggan, and the new vision statement of the United Methodist Church. John Wesley, an Anglican priest who would become the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote in a journal entry from April 2, 1739, describing his decision to preach outside of a church, as: "I submitted to be more vile." In other words, *Wesleyan vile-tality* is a willingness to look beyond today's acceptable practices and norms, and bend the rules in order to ensure that more people can experience the love of God. This journey back to the heart of Methodism challenges us to live fully into today's new UMC vision statement by **loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously** with Jesus in the lead!



WELCOME HOME HAMID, MITRA, AND JANAN!

Today we'll be celebrating the return of our Iranian friends, Hamid, Mitra, and Janan and presenting them with faith-filled, prayer blankets. There are no words to express how grateful we are to have them home with us and will support them every step of the way as they continue to navigate the process of seeking asylum in the US. Here are some pictures of the First UMC "welcoming committee" when this precious family arrived at the Gainesville airport after being held at an Immigrant Detention Center in Texas for two months. As Pastor Harold says, "God is in the miracle making business!"



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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