

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"
arr. Bill Ingram

Pastor Harold Henderson
Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Rocap

Friends, we know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
We gather this morning to remind each other about that.
To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.
So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

HYMN UMH 57 (vss 1-5) "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

1

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

3

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

4

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

5

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Three in One and One in Three who created us.

We believe in the Three in One and One in Three who calls us.

We believe in the Three in One and One in Three who equips us.

We believe in the Three in One and One in Three who loves without limits and challenges us to do likewise.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Kathleen Ruby

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
arr. Bill Ingram

Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 77 "How Great Thou Art"

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

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

Sandy Reeves

SERMON

Then Sings My Soul
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Psalm 98:1, 4-9

Pastor Harold Henderson

HYMN UMH 413 "A Charge To Keep I Have"

1

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

2

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

3

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

4

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

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

Maggie Tran

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Our opening hymn, “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”, was originally titled “For the Anniversary Day of One’s Conversion” and had a total of 18 verses? Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1739 to commemorate his conversion in 1738 and it has traditionally held a place of honor as the opening hymn in Methodist hymnals since 1780. The more popular verses are listed as hymn number 57 in our United Methodist Hymnal. One verse was dropped in 1989, but the remaining 17 verses are listed as hymn number 58. Thankfully, we are only singing the first five verses this morning!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given by Jim and Dorothy Nation in celebration of their 66th 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>.

ALTAR GUILD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Altar Guild is a group of people who ensure that the altar area is ready for the worship service and includes such things as filling the candles with oil, changing the altar cloths, and preparing for Communion. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the Altar Guild, please contact Sondra Moorhead at babbler_semipro_0i@icloud.com.

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.



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@fumcgvn.org or call his cell phone at 352-246-7998.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series, “Then Sings My Soul”, ends today and over the course of the summer, we explored 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?



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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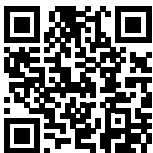


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