

WELCOME

Pastor Harold Henderson

PRELUDE

George Emmanuel

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, your word to us is the good news of Jesus Christ. Yet too often our words to others are not good news.

We use your gift of speech to boast about our accomplishments. We use our words to speak harshly and to criticize. We put down other people who are different.

Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to choose our words carefully and faithfully, and to use them for the good.

May our words be like fresh water from a spring that gives life, health, and joy. In this time of worship and beyond.

HYMN UMH 408

"The Gift of Love"

¹ Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

² Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

³ 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, the Creator Spirit who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation, who created all that is, and who spoke through the prophets of old.

We trust in Jesus Christ into whom God's spirit was poured in fullness and in power, that the whole of creation might be restored and unified; and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful with joy, gentleness, and self-control.

We await on that Spirit today with longing hearts, seeking to be empowered with fresh words that lead to courageous actions of love and hope.

Glory be to God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – now and always. 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.

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Who at My Door is Standing?"

K. Lee Scott

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 641

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONNECTION CARD

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Questions or Comments?

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN UMH 191

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carl Rocap

SERMON

Reverend Alan Taylor

“Running on Fumes? Fill ‘Er Up!”

Care-full

James 3:1-12

HYMN UMH 378 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

“Amazing Grace”

¹ Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

² ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

³ Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

⁶ When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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 Steve and Teri Mallard in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2021

All are welcome to attend this year’s Charge Conference on Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC. (4000 NW 53rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32653) This will be a time of worship with other United Methodist Churches in the District as well as when each individual church elects their lay leadership for 2022, approves the 2022 pastoral compensation, affirms the ministry of lay servants, and more.

BRINGING THE MESSAGE TODAY IS...

Reverend Alan Taylor has been a member here at First UMC for several years after moving to Gainesville to serve as a hospice chaplain at Haven Hospice. Alan has served 3 hospice programs in this capacity as well as serving as a chaplain for a retirement community. Having been raised in the Southern Baptist faith, Alan received his Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary in North Carolina and also completed a two year residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. Throughout Alan’s 25-plus years of ministry, he has provided pastoral care to thousands of persons and families during times of crisis.

Alan met his spouse, John Bevis, at First UMC and they have been married for almost 4 years. They enjoy travelling, especially to Alan’s hometown of Asheville, NC where his mother and sister live.

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@fumcgv.org.

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