

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Pastorale"
Richard Lloyd

Pastor Beth Snarr
Anait Piloyan

CALL TO WORSHIP

When God began creating...

God held purpose, possibility, and intention for all Creation to belong and flourish together.

As God continued creating...

Jesus Christ brought to light God's love in flesh that we may trust the light when we've lost our way.

As God restores and redeems toward New Creation...

God's Spirit continues to breathe across the waters.

May God's beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

May God's love inspire our song.

Let us praise God - Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit - for the gift of life abundant.

Ashley Ordway

HYMN UMH 400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe that God spoke and the universe came into being, framing the worlds by his word, and breathing life into every living creature.

We affirm that God is the source of all goodness, beauty, truth, and love, and that creation declares his eternal power and majesty.

As Creator, God is also our constant Sustainer, preserving and providing for all creation and calling us to care for the earth as an act of faithful worship.

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

"With a Voice of Singing"

Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 77 (vs. 1) "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

Pastor Dean Brown

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

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.



HYMN

UMH 593

"Here I Am, Lord"

¹ I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

² I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

³ I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

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

"The Heavens Are Telling"

Anait Piloyan

L.V. Beethoven

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given
by Sheree Fugate in honor of her mother, Barbara Kelly Weldon;
and,
anonymously to joyfully celebrate the birthday of Mary Kilgour on her 86th birthday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to our Prayer Team at prayer@fumcgnv.org or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

NEW SERMON SERIES - HOW GREAT THOU ART

We are starting a new sermon series today titled "How Great Thou Art" in conjunction with our art exhibit, "The Colors of Gainesville", at the end of September. Over 80 works of art will be displayed in our Fellowship Hall by artists within our congregation and throughout our community. This exhibit, as well as this sermon series, is in celebration of our creator God who invites us, as people made in God's image, to create with purpose and care for the world that's entrusted to us.



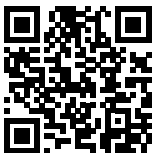
MISSION FOCUS - FAMILY PROMISE

The mission focus today is Family Promise of Gainesville who are working towards a community where every family has a home, a livelihood, and a chance to build a better future by providing children and families facing homelessness with life-changing resources like diversion, shelter, and stabilization. Your second-mile gift will help Family Promise in their life-changing mission. Please note "Family Promise" on your gift.

SIMPLE SUNDAY LUNCH NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, wear your favorite team colors to worship and then enjoy a football tailgate-themed Simple Sunday Lunch in the Fellowship Hall! A special thank you to those who help make these lunches happen by buying the food, cooking the food, setting up the room, and cleaning up afterward! To continue with these wonderful times of fellowship, we need to add more folks to the "those who make it happen" team and you will have the opportunity to sign up to help after worship today. You can contact Donna Witts at mejabebe@me.com to learn more about what's needed or to join the "make it happen" team! Remember, it's not First UMC without U!

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 fumcgnv.org/ways-to-serve

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Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 419 NE 1st Street Gainesville, FL 32601

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