

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ray

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN FWS 2146 (vs. 1, 2) "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

¹ Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

² "Let not your heart be troubled", his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see;

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
arr. Gilbert Martin

CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2146 (vs. 3) "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dean Brown

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

SERMON

Fear<Less
Jesus is Plentiful
John 14:1-14

Pastor Beth Snarr

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Maggie Tran



HYMN UMH 98

"To God Be the Glory"

¹ To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

² O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

³ Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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

"Doxology Fanfare"
Thomas A. Russell

Maggie Tran

lyrics used by permission - CCLI License #20865697

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Sally Cravens in loving memory of her dear friend and sister in Christ, Mary Britt.

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 or go to <https://fumcgnv.org/PrayerRequest>.

MISSION FOCUS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our ministry focus today is our Community Outreach Ministry. COM provides support to those in need in our community facing eviction, utility shut-off, and other financial challenges. Your second-mile giving will help them to continue helping others through this vital ministry. Please note "COM" on your gift. Thank you!

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series for the season of Easter is titled "Fear<Less". Although "do not be afraid" is a very common directive throughout the scriptures, as human beings who've literally been biologically wired to experience fear in order to survive, it's a pretty tall order. This series will encourage us not to focus on our inability to be fearless, but to focus on our ability to fear less because the resurrection of Jesus is proof that in the end, love and life will overcome evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Since we are celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service today, there will not be a separate Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel today.

SIMPLE SUNDAY LUNCHES KICKOFF ON MAY 24

Join us after worship on May 24 as we kick off our monthly Simple Sunday Lunches with a Pentecost Pancake Palooza! No RSVP's required, donations will be accepted, and gluten-free option will be available. As an added bonus, we will be sharing updates on the Master's Plan III capital campaign projects.

Volunteers are also needed to make this opportunity for food and fellowship possible! Contact Donna Witts at mejabebe@me.com for more information.

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



GIVE BY CHECK

Place in a black offering box, or mail or bring to the Church Office at 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



GIVE ONLINE

use the QR code above or visit fumcgnv.com/GiveOnline or via the First UMC app