

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

Gavan Mcvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Simmons

Let us gather to worship.

O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!

Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. Amen.

HYMN UMH 126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

¹ Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

² The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

³ Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

⁴ Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the Son of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the renewing and enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a parent yearns for her child.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

CONNECTION CARD

You can also fill this out online using our First UMC app or at fumcgvn.org/ConnectionCard

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Questions or Comments?

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"They Shall Soar Like Eagles"

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 314 (vs 2) "In the Garden"

² He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

HYMN 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

Pastor Beth Snarr

"We Make the Road by Walking"

Weariness

Luke 13:31-35

HYMN UMH 371 (vs 1, 2, 5) "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

¹ I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

² For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

⁵ When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the First UMC faith family.

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@fumcgnv.org.

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

This morning we welcome Elisabeth Gadd, the Chief Development Officer, of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. She is here to thank our congregation for being one of the top 20 financial supporters of the Children's Home in the Florida Conference in 2021. What a blessing it is to continue our long-standing relationship with the Children's Home and to be a part of Christ's transformational work there in the lives of children and families.

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