

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Jubilation Fanfare"
Sandra Eithun

Celebration Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Farabee

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God. Let's worship together!

HYMN UMH 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

- ¹ The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- ² Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
- ³ Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- ⁴ Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- ⁵ Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, and the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

We trust that the love of God emboldens us, the grace of Christ redeems us, and the joy of the Spirit uplifts us.

We celebrate that the love of God overflows in our hearts, the grace of Christ liberates our spirits, and the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

We believe, trust, and celebrate in God's presence with us always and everywhere. 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

"Day By Day God's Time Is Best"
arr. Karen Buckwalter

Celebration Ringers

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 707 (vs 2) "Hymn Of Promise"

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Got Hope?
John 14:15-21

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HYMN FWS 2237 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

- ¹ As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.
- ² We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit we would live to God's delight.
- ³ As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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

CONNECTION CARD



Please place the Connection Card in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill one out using our First UMC app or online at fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Betty Alsobrook in loving memory of her grandmother, Annie Cannon Pound.

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 note it on the Connection Card.

MISSION MOMENT - FAMILY PROMISE

Our second-mile giving this week supports our mission partner Family Promise of Gainesville. Family Promise provides families experiencing homelessness with compassionate care that includes shelter, case management, education, housing, meals, and transportation until they can transition to a home of their own.

CONNECTION CARDS

We're glad you're worshipping with us today!

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.

BIBLE 365

Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., we will show the Bible Year video for the next week's readings in the Epworth Parlor. Everyone is invited to join us.

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