

Easter



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WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns"
arr. Sondra Tucker

Brass Ensemble

HYMN UMH 302 (vs 1-4)

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

- ¹ Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- ² Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- ³ Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- ⁴ Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barbara Simmons

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

We believe through Christ living in us, this declaration of love and light will resound not only in these walls, but touch the lives of all we meet and forever be the truth of which we speak.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! 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

"Arise! My Beloved"

Chancel Choir

Una vox tenebras imutat: One voice transforms the darkness

Michael E. Ekbladh

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Living Inside Out
Cheer

Pastor Beth Snarr

Matthew 28:1-10

HYMN UMH 304

"Easter People Raise Your Voices"

- ¹ Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
- ² Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
- ³ Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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

Tocatta Brevis
Daniel E. Gawthrop

Gavan Mcvey

A special thank you to those providing today's music

Michael Ekbladh, Director of Music Ministries

Chancel Choir
Sean Callahan, Horn
Jacob Hardy, Trombone
Tim Haugen, Trumpet

Garret Hecker, Percussion
Danielle Van Tuinen, Tuba
Jahira Williams, Timpani
April Zink, Trumpet

CONNECTION CARDS

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We are so glad you joined us for worship! If you are a first-time guest or you have a prayer concern/change of contact information, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card.

CONNECTION CARD

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WELCOME! FROM THE FIRST UMC FAITH FAMILY

Our Mission is to Connect our Church with our Community
and our Community with Christ.

COME GROW WITH US!

If you're a guest celebrating the joy of Easter Sunday with us today; we're so glad you're here!
If you don't have a place to grow spiritually, ask questions about God, or connect with others
then we hope you'll come back and join us again!



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EASTER LILIES

Our Sanctuary is adorned with these flowers to the glory of God and in dedication to loved ones. Listed below are the many who have joined together to create this lovely worship space. In addition, sincere thanks to those who arranged all the flowers in our Sanctuary including the beautiful flower cross.

IN MEMORY OF

My grandmother Annie Cannon Pound

by Betty Alsobrook

Wynelle and Mell Vickery

by Gina Britton

My husband, Hutch Brock

by Natalie Brock

Ray and Jane Cason

by Olivia Cason and Pam Winn

Mrs. Mayme E. Evans, Mr. Andrew J. Evans,

Mrs. Teresa R. Livingston, Mr. Henry T.

Harris, Mrs. French L. Alkire, Mr. French L. Alkire

by Sandy Evans, Karen Harris, and Wesley and Sarah Evans

Colleen Crosby

by Devony Harnist

Amy Kathryn Anderson and Eric Thomas

Anderson

by Pastor Harold and Kathryn Henderson

My husband Fred

by Evelyn Hoenicke

The many saints we have known, who have gone before and enriched our lives

by Steve and Betty Kee

Our parents Ben and Mala Hinton, and Fred and Kathryn Lawrence

by Mala and Parker Lawrence

Our parents Robert and Jeanne Moorhead, and Robert and Esther Showalter

by Jack and Sondra Moorhead

Grace Nelson

by Ole Nelson

Frank Oquendo - my loving husband and best friend, miss you!

by Joanne Oquendo

Our parents Rowland and Elaine Medler

by Jan, Marilee, and Sue Sharp

Betty Bell and Betty O'Byrne

by Charlene Smith

Betsy Partin Vinson

by Tim Vinson

IN HONOR OF

Ann Britton

by Gina Britton

My four beautiful children: Carson, Coleman, Connor, and Ashton

by Natalie Brock

Drew, Diana, Ryan, Amelia, Matthew, and Stephanie

by Olivia Cason and Pam Winn

Our children and grandchildren

by Dan and Kay Greathouse

All the children who add so much joy and enthusiasm to our worship on Sundays

by Steve and Betty Kee

In honor of our children Stephanie and

Matthew Laws, and Kathleen and Robert

Olson, and our grandchildren Olivia and

Matthew Alexander Laws

by Jack and Sondra Moorhead

My sons, their wives, and grandchildren

by Joanie Thompson

Georgiana Purdy and Phillip Harnist

by Devony Harnist

Our daughters and their families

by Larry and Cheryl Resch

Our parents Richard and Karen Snarr, and

Tom and Carol Morris

by Phil and Beth Snarr



HEATHER SORENSON

REQUIEM

Join us for the **WORLD PREMIERE**
here in our Sanctuary!

April 23 at 4:00 p.m.

The congregation of First UMC has commissioned Heather Sorenson to compose a new requiem that will have its world premiere on April 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. The premiere will feature the Requiem Festival Chorus and Orchestra comprised of our members and many others from the community. This free concert will be followed by a light-fare reception with the composer.

For many, the term requiem means a "Mass for the Dead" but it is also an act or token of remembrance. Each year we light candles and ring bells for All Saints Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and many other significant moments of remembrance. Each of these is a requiem. As we emerge from the pandemic into a new world, we need to reflect and heal from the collective trauma of this experience. Out of this need to heal was born the idea of a requiem. The overall concept for this work is that it is not a typical requiem, but something reflective of our current times and how we emerge from it stronger; a requiem mourning the life we left behind, those we have lost, and hope for the new life to come.

The Requiem Festival Chorus and Orchestra has been practicing for the past several months to prepare for the premiere. At each rehearsal, the group focused on one of the 7 stages of grief. The first week was about "letting go". Singers were invited to write on a piece of dissolving paper what it was they need to "let go" and place it in a water dish.

The congregation of First UMC is proud and honored to present this new work to the world for healing and the rebuilding of our community. Following the premiere in Gainesville, we will join Heather Sorenson and 250 other singers for the Carnegie Hall premiere on November 27, 2023. For more information contact Michael Ekbladh at michael@fumcgvn.org.

On display at the premiere's reception will be an image of the painting by Dallas artist Mo Sanford that was inspired by *Requiem*. The final movement of *Requiem* is based on the old hymn "Like a River Glorious", so she created a river where a paper boat (represented loved ones) is released into the sunset to "cross to the other shore". If you examine the painting closely, you will find names of people who have passed during the pandemic written into ripples of the water. The name of one of our members is included on the painting - Lannie "Tommy" Thompson.

