

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## RECOGNITION OF MAGGIE TRAN

### PRELUDE

"Beach Spring"  
*arr. Truuke M. Ameigh*

Maggie Tran

### CALL TO WORSHIP

With eyes to see,  
**and ears to hear;**  
with lips to sing,  
**and hands to help:**

let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

Elise Caton

### HYMN UMH 529

"How Firm a Foundation"

<sup>1</sup> How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

<sup>2</sup> "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

<sup>3</sup> "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

<sup>4</sup> "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

<sup>5</sup> "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present, and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our spirits and gives us courage.**

**We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.**

### 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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John Abernethy, Seth Burnett, Paul Dalba, Susan Hartman, Saul Hernandez,  
Jim Keaton, Anya Keville, Tom Keville, Megan Kuhn, Jay Locay,  
Mark Reinhart, Carol Ray Skipper, Hannah Whitaker

### RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

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### SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Love to Tell the Story"  
*arr. Tedd Smith*

Maggie Tran

### CALL TO PRAYER UMH 328

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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### LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

### GATHERING SONG UMH 191

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SERMON

"If Paul Was Here..."  
*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Pastor Alan Taylor

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 156

### "I Love to Tell the Story"

- <sup>1</sup> I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*
- <sup>2</sup> I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
- <sup>3</sup> I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
- <sup>4</sup> I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

## **BENEDICTION**

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## **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**

"Toccata on How Firm a Foundation"  
*Claude Murphree*

Maggie Tran

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Donna and Larry Parrish to glorify God and all His amazing creation.

## **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@fumcgvn.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgvn.org) or go to <https://fumcgvn.org/PrayerRequest>.

## **MISSION FOCUS - RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK**

Our mission focus this week is the Reconciling Ministries Network. The RMN is committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection and seeks the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in both the policy and practices of United Methodist Church. First UMC has been a member of the RMN since 2019 and is the only Reconciling Ministries Network church in North-Central Florida. Please note "RMN" on your second-mile gift. Thank you!

## **COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY**

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Shaw Memorial Chapel (located off the Fellowship Hall) immediately after worship today. If you'd like to receive this tangible expression of God's grace, please join us. Everyone is welcome!



## **SIMPLE SUNDAY LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP TODAY**

We will have our monthly Simple Sunday Lunch after worship today in the Fellowship Hall. No reservations needed and the lunch is free, but we will accept a donation to help offset the cost! If you want to help with an upcoming lunch, please contact Donna Witts at [mejabebe@me.com](mailto:mejabebe@me.com).



## **MASTER'S PLAN 3-1/3 UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to our Master's Plan 3-1/3 Capital Campaign extension for 2027. We have received 49 pledges totaling \$193,874 towards our goal of \$300,000. If you're a member or regular attender and haven't yet made your pledge we hope you'll do so very soon! Your gift will ensure that the second floors of Bell and Epworth Hall are accessible to handicapped persons for the first time in our 165 year history. This is generational investment that's overdue! Let's get it done, together. There will be pledge cards on the Welcome Table that can be dropped into any black offering box or pledge online at <https://fumcgvn.org/MastersPlan>.

## **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 [fumcgvn.org/ways-to-serve](https://fumcgvn.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@fumcgvn.org](mailto:legacy@fumcgvn.org)



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