

# WORSHIP GUIDE

April 21, 2024  
4th Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
*arr. Paul Manz*

Gavan Mcvey

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let your light shine!

**Let our hearts be glad!**

Great is God's faithfulness, always and everywhere.

**Then let us worship with thanks and praise.**

Beth Gibson

## HYMN UMH 206

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

<sup>1</sup> I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

<sup>2</sup> I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

<sup>3</sup> I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, a love that never ceases, our Creator.**

**We believe in Christ, a hope that cannot be quenched, our Redeemer.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who pursues reconciliation no matter the cost, our Sustainer.**

## 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

"This Little Light of Mine"  
*arr. Mark Patterson*

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO PRAYER

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Alan Taylor

## 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

Shine!  
*1 John 3:16-24*

Pastor Beth Snarr

## HYMN FWS 2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

<sup>1</sup> We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

<sup>2</sup> We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

<sup>3</sup> We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

<sup>4</sup> All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

## 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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
*arr. David Kidwell*

Gavan Mcvey

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.



## CONNECTION CARD



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Please use the Connection Card for any questions, comments, or prayer requests you may have and place in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today.

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Marlene Udell in loving memory of Budd Udell, Harold & Florence Doolittle, and James Burgin.

### 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](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

### FAITH MISSION ANNIVERSARY SERVICE ON APRIL 21

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Faith Mission - a campus of Trinity UMC that is committed to social empowerment and is rooted in the legacy and foundation that Faith United Methodist Church left in East Gainesville. Members from First United Methodist Church started Faith UMC in the 1960's and this year marks 60 years since that church plant began on this property.

These milestones will be celebrated with a joint worship and celebration service at the Faith Mission campus on April 21 at 4:30 p.m. Our very own Carl Rocap and Mike Woodruff will be providing music on behalf of First UMC and all are encouraged to attend! Faith Mission is located at 3701 NE 15th Street.

### COST OF POVERTY EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP ON APRIL 27

Through deeper understanding of the human and systemic impacts of poverty, we can learn to better serve one another with dignity and effectiveness as we work towards a community that better reflects the values of Jesus' teachings. The COPE workshop includes a "Poverty Simulation" and creative role play to help put ourselves in the shoes of people who face these obstacles every day here in Gainesville.

The COPE Workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 27 at Faith Mission, 3701 NE 15th Street. This workshop is free but since space is limited, registration is required. Contact Janet Rocap at [janet@fumcgnv.org](mailto:janet@fumcgnv.org) for more information.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next church council meeting will be held via zoom on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend by using the QR code. Questions? Please contact Dan Greathouse at [kdgreathouse@mac.com](mailto:kdgreathouse@mac.com).



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