



**\*Please stand if you are able**  
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)  
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

## Welcome/Brief Announcements

### Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: Can you hear God's call?

**ALL: Christ's voice is heard far and near.**

L: Can you discern God's Word?

**A: Christ calls one and all.**

L: God speaks of light and life.

**A: Christ loves the mighty and the small.**

L: The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

**A: We are called into fellowship together.**

### Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

Holy One, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Meditation on "Showalter" Anthony J. Showalter/Ben Logan

*Leaning, leaning (on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning (on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**\*The Doxology** (on screen) *Lord of all Good*

### Children's Time

## Choir Anthem

### Scripture

John 1:29-42

**Hymn** TFWS 2137

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

### Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

### Message

"What are you looking for?"

### Prayer of Confession (*in unison*):

**All: O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Holy Communion

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**\*Hymn** UMH 714

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

**\*Benediction/Postlude**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

J. Rosamond Johnson/John G. Barr



Scan/click with  
your cell phone if  
you would like to  
give electronically!

*Tell someone you didn't come in with that you love them  
and that you're glad they're here!*

**Meet Jesus ~ Follow Jesus ~ Serve Jesus  
Love Boldly ~ Serve Joyfully ~ Lead Courageously**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES**

**Welcome!** We're so glad you are here worshiping with us today! Children are *always* welcome to stay and participate in worship. The nursery is open and located in the corner of the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate. We Livestream our services each Sunday. You can find these services on our church Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/](http://www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/)

-**RIP IT**- Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.

-**Bible Studies**- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts), Thursdays at **7pm**.

- **"Promises in the Dark"** study **Mondays** at One More Chapter Book Store, **7-8:30 pm**. Please see Don for more information.

- **COS Meeting Jan.21<sup>st</sup>** at **6:00 pm**

Read Ahead for next Sunday:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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## **First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur**

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