

YOU  
BELONG  
*here*

**\*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: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

**All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

L: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**A: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

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

**All: God of glory and mercy, before His death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed His life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to Him, you proclaimed Him your Son, but He returned to die among us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision*

## Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/Lord's Prayer

### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger*

arr. Anna Laura Page

*I'll soon be free from every trial, This form will rest beneath the sod;*

*I'll drop the cross of self-denial, And enter in my home with God.*

*I'm going there to see my Saviour, Who shed for me His precious blood;*

*I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.*

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

## Children's Time

## Choir Anthem

### Scripture

2 Peter 1:16-21

### Hymn (on screen)

*Come, Let Us Dream*

### Message

*Light in Damp Places*

### \*Hymn TFWS 2173

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

### \*Benediction/\*Postlude

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

arr. Robert Lau

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Has God laid something on your heart?  
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week!*

*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 worshipping 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 Study**- Wednesdays at **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts)

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

-**SPRC Meeting**- **THIS Tues. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm.

-**Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins THIS Wed. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**-

-**"Ashes for Early Birds"** **6:30-9am**, stop by Brown Chapel if you would like to receive ashes to start your day!

-Service at **7pm** in Brown Chapel.

-**Trustee Meeting**- **THIS Thurs. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 12pm.

-**SPRC/COS Joint Meeting**- **Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm.

**Read ahead for next Sunday:**

***Luke 24:13-35***



*The Offertory and Postlude are from our rich body of music from the African American spiritual tradition in recognition of Black History month.*

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