

YOU
BELONG
here

***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)
CCLI # 11178647 CSPL # 118874

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

L: What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

A: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control, that we may live in the Spirit and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. Help us so to keep the fast that you have chosen, that we may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free; through the grace of Christs Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** UMH 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Forty Days and Forty Nights

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Forty days and forty nights, You were fasting in the wild;

Forty days and forty nights, Tempted, and yet undefiled.

***The Doxology** UMH 95

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn TFWS 2199 *Stay With Us*

Message *I Will Meet You in the Wilderness*

***Hymn** UMH 474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Lenten Prayer

Brian Glyncannon

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

UMH 268

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

**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/

- 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.
- "He Chose the Nails"**- book study **Mondays** around **7pm** after Rip It.
- COS Mtg.**- Wednesday March 18th at 6pm.
- Trustee Mtg.**- Thursday March 19th at 6pm.
- Palm Sunday Cantata**- Sunday March 29th at 4pm in the Sanctuary.



Holy Week/Easter Services

Maudy Thursday: April 2nd at 7pm in Brown Chapel
Good Friday: April 3rd at 7pm in Brown Chapel
Easter Sunrise: April 5th at 7am at North Gouv. UMC
Easter Worship: April 5th at 11am in the Sanctuary!

*The Easter Offering will bless both the Gouverneur
Neighborhood Center and the UMCOR Refugee Fund*

Read ahead for next Sunday: *John 20:19-23*

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos

District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun

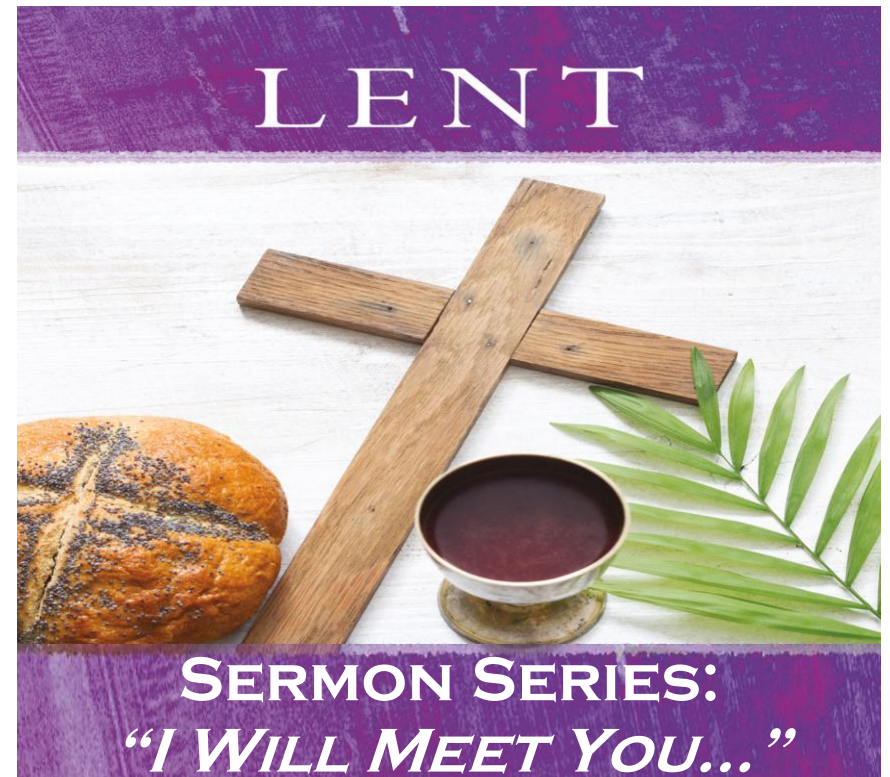
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