

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: Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

A: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

A: Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: O God, by the example of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, you taught us the greatness of true humility, and call us to watch with Him in His passion. Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness, and to enter into the fellowship of His suffering; in His name and for His sake. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** UMH 355 *Depth of Mercy*

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Near the Cross

William H. Doane/Franklin Ritter

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes

before me,

Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

***The Doxology** UMH 95

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture Mark 8:31-38

Hymn WS 3075 *Glory in the Cross*

Scripture Mark 15:21-41

Message *I Will Meet You at the Cross*

***Hymn** UMH 290 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*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/

-**"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"**- study **Mondays** around **7pm** after Rip It.

-**Palm Sunday Cantata**- Sun. **March 29th** at **4pm** in the Sanctuary.

-**Holy Humor Sunday**- Sun. **April 12th**. The joke is on death – Jesus is alive! Let's have fun & dress silly!

Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Bridgette LaPierre. To read more about her, please visit our website at www.gouverneurumc.org.

If you are interested in becoming a member or refreshing your knowledge on what it means to be a United Methodist, please see Pastor Ben!

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 20:1-18*

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos

District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun

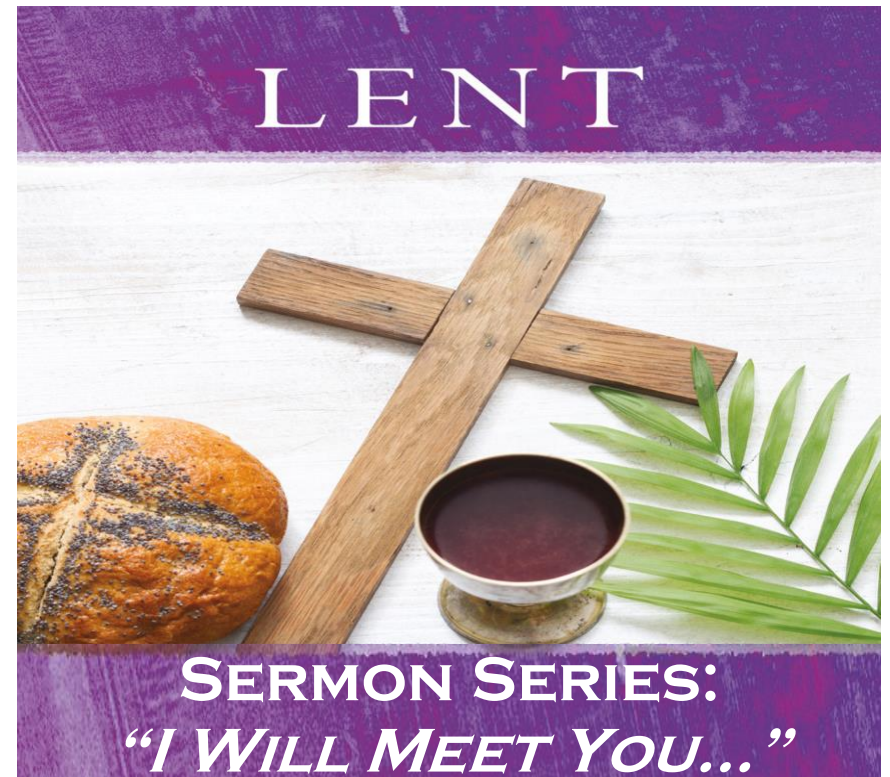
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Organist: Glenda Schuessler

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