

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 to Worship

### Brief Announcements with Welcoming Prayer

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

Leader: Joy is loose,

**All: In the wiggles of the children.**

L: The whispers of the youth,

**A: The smiles of the adults.**

L: We praise God for this glorious day,

**A: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

L: Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs,

**A. Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

Trinity United Parish

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

**All: You smiled and the sun burst through the shadows of chaos: you chuckled, and the platypus splashed in creation's fountain; you laughed, and all that is good and beautiful was given shape by you, Imaginative God. Snickering at the feeble attempts of the evil one, you showed us how to resist temptation; giggling at sin's desperate desire to hold on to us, you released us by your love; howling with laughter at death's foolish belief that the tomb could hold you, you burst forth into the kingdom as the stars peeled with joy, Laughing Jesus. As you fill us with new life, may we delight in sharing it with others; as you tell us the Good News which can never be taken from us, may we rejoice in offering it to the broken, the sad, the lonely; as you tickle us with grace, may we give it away with laughter on our lips and joy in our hearts, Spirit of Easter. God in Community, Holy in One, our**

**hearts overflow with wonder, we praise and thank you for all things. It is in the name of the Joyous Risen Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies

**\*Opening Hymn** (on screen)      *Give to Us Laughter*

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

#### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*Happy the Soul Who Dwells on God*      Richard Blake

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray.*

*Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.*

*James 5:13*

#### \*The Doxology UMH 94

### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem

**Scripture**      John 21:1-14

**Hymn** (on screen)      *Take Time to Be Funny*

**Message**      Unbelievable Breakfast

**\*Hymn** (on screen)  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain (Easter)*

#### \*Benediction

**Postlude**      *Hallelujah! Thine the Glory*  
W. P. Mackey/David Lasky

*All glory and praise to the lamb who was slain,  
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain!*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah we sing;  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, our praise we now bring.*

## **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/)

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

-**COS Meeting** – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6pm

- **BOT Meeting** – Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6pm

-**Men's Retreat at Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center** –  
May 1-2

**Do you have something for the May/June newsletter?**

Send it to Bridgette at  
[FirstUMCGouverneur@gmail.com](mailto:FirstUMCGouverneur@gmail.com)

*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!*

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



***Read ahead for next Sunday:***

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

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