

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: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

All: Christ meets us here.

L: Even when we become lost and disoriented,

A: Christ rescues us in our need.

L: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

A: Christ warms our spirits.

L: Even when all light has faded to black,

A: Christ illuminates our way.

L: Here in this house of worship, enter, rejoice, and come home.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Lover of our souls, You meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of Your ways and grandeur of Your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through Your enduring word. Reveal Your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers and break bread in Your name. Amen

***Opening Hymn** on screen

Before the Throne of God Above

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

You Alone Can Rescue

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin/John Cumberland

You O Lord have made a way

The great divide You healed

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

Yes, Your love goes further still

***The Doxology** UMH 94

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture

1 Peter 1:13-23

Hymn

TFWS 2065 (2x) *More Precious than Silver*

Message

Born Anew for What is in Front of Us

***Hymn** UMH 370

Victory in Jesus

*Benediction

Postlude

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

O Jesus, King of gentleness,

With constant love our hearts possess

That we may give You all our days

The tribute of our grateful praise.

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

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 or contact Amber Ormasen 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”- study **Mondays** at 7pm after Rip It.

-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

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:
Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25

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from the



1 Peter 1:22

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