

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: Do you need a guide?

**All: The Lord is our shepherd.**

L: Do you need a path to new life?

**A: The Lord is our gate.**

L: Do you need rest?

**A: The Lord restores our souls.**

L: Come, let us worship.

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

**All: Loving Shepherd, You call us as Your own. When danger is close at hand, You gather us to Yourself, that we might dwell secure. When evil surrounds us, You give us a home and a safe place to rest. When foes threaten our fellowship, You rescue us from peril. Restore our souls, Gentle Savior, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, that we may walk in the ways of goodness and mercy, all the days of our lives. Amen.**

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

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

#### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Victor Johnson

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.*

*I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

## \*The Doxology UMH 94

### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem

#### Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

#### Hymn TFWS 2226 (x2)

*Bind Us Together*

#### Scripture

1 Peter 2:19-25

#### Message

*The Kingdom Above All*

#### \*Hymn UMH 467

*Trust and Obey*

#### \*Benediction & Postlude

*On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*

William B. Bradbury/Adam Mason

*On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

*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 or contact Amber Ormasen for updates.

-**"He Chose the Nails"**- book study **Mondays** at **7pm** after Rip It.

-**"Promises in the Dark"**- book study **Mondays** from **7-8:30pm** at One More Chapter Book Store. Beginning in **May**, "Letters of John" Please see Don for more info.

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

-**Open Table: Questions of Faith- Thursdays** at **7pm**.

-**Men's Retreat Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center-** May 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>. Please register by Mon. April 27<sup>th</sup>.

-**Summer Sunrise Series-** Annual 5k Fundraiser, walk or run at your own pace. \$10 per race. Join us **every first\* Saturday** of the month at **7:30am**. Complete  $\frac{3}{4}$  races to receive a t-shirt! [5/2; 6/6; 7/11\*; 8/1]

If you are interested in being a scripture reader, greeter or offering usher, please contact Pat Williams.

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



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

***1 Peter 2:2-10***

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**District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun**

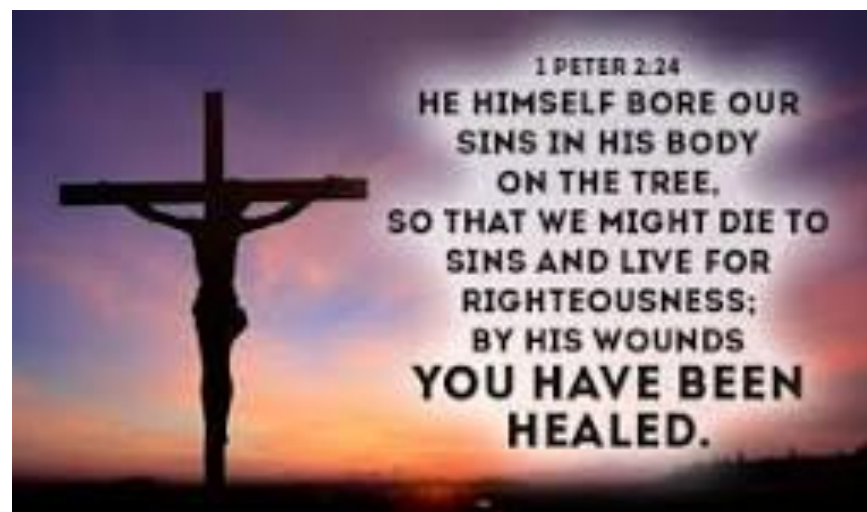
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## **First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur**

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**April 26, 2026**

