

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: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

L: Christ is risen!

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

**All: God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 302 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

## Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*Morning Has Broken* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Morning has broken like the first morning,*

*blackbird has spoken like the first bird.*

*Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!*

*Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

**\*The Doxology** UMH 94

## Children's Time

### Choir Anthem

### Scripture

John 20:1-18

### Hymn On Screen

*See What a Morning*

### Message

*I Will Meet You in the Garden*

### Holy Communion

UMH pg. 13

Sing along as you come for Communion: *Behold the Lamb*

**\*Hymn** UMH 310

*He Lives*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*Christ Arose!*

Robert Lowry/Roger C. Wilson

*Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;*

*He arose a victor from the dark domain,*

*and he lives forever with his saints to reign.*

*He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*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 worshiping 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/)

-**"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.

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

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

**Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Bridgette LaPierre.** To read more about her, please visit our website at [www.gouverneurumc.org](http://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!*

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

**Read ahead for next Sunday: *John 21:1-14***

**Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos**

**District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun**

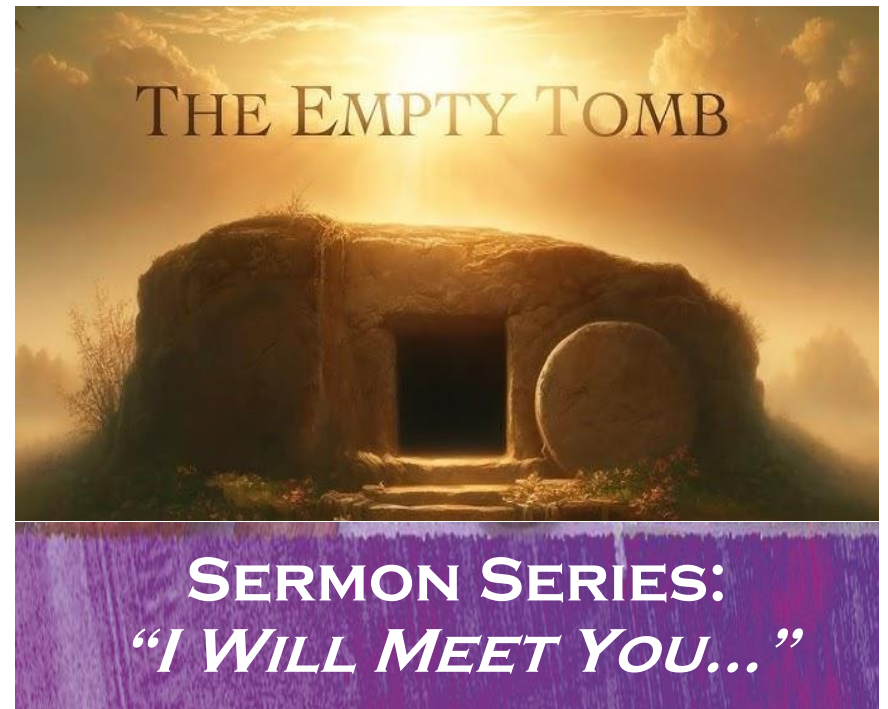
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## **First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur**

**Pastor Benjamin Lalka**

**Choir Director: Don Schuessler**

**Organist: Glenda Schuessler**

**April 5, 2026**

