

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: Gather us in, O God.

**All: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

L: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**A: From suffering and pain, save us.**

L: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**A: On the highways of life, guide us.**

L: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**A: As we worship this day, lead us home.**

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

**All: Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets, that our spirits may shine like burnished gold. Refiner's Fire, purify our lives like precious silver, that our hearts may glow with holy love. Forge of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion, that our lives may reveal your glory. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn TFWS 2022** *Great is the Lord*

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

### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*A Mother's Prayer*  
Franklin Ritter  
*O God, hear my ceaseless prayer,  
Oh keep them in your care.*

**\*The Doxology UMH 94**

### Children's Time

### Honoring Our Mothers

### Choir Anthem

**Scripture** *Psalm 66:8-20*

**Hymn** (on screen) *Come, All You People, Praise Our God*

**Message** *A God Who is with us Along the Journey*

**\*Hymn UMH 156** *I Love to Tell the Story*

### \*Benediction & Postlude

*Jesus is My Hope* Rachel Sawyer  
*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in faith  
so that you overflow with hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 (CEB)*

*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**

## 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.

**-“Letters of John”-** book study **Mondays** from **7-8:30pm** at One More Chapter Book Store. Please see Don for more info.

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

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

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

**-Summer Worship-** starting **June 7<sup>th</sup>** we will begin worship at 10am in Brown Chapel.

**-Indoor Sale-Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** 9am-5pm

Donate \$10 per spot for each church person to sell their items.

Contact Libby (315-276-0667) if interested.

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 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

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

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**Organist: Glenda Schuessler**

**May 10, 2026**

