

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: We will call to mind the works of the Lord,

**All: and remember God's wonders of old.**

L: In times of trouble, we cry out to God,

**A: longing for our souls to be comforted.**

L: When our spirits are weary,

**A: we reach for God's arms.**

L: Even when we don't feel courageous,

**A: we need to receive God's peace.**

L: Keeping God's deeds in mind,

**A: we carry them in our hearts.**

L: For God's ways are holy,

**A: and God's grace is great.**

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

**All: Holy One, the waters tremble and the skies open. Your voice rumbles with thunder, flashes with lightning, and crashes with waves as the earth shakes. And yet, there is peace in your voice. You trouble the waters of our spirits, even as you soothe the struggles of our souls. Your footprints guide our way— unseen by human eyes, but always visible to our hearts. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn UMH 579

*Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*

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

### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

*For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free*

*Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.*

*May we, your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy.*

*May we find peace that makes us whole  
and patience everywhere.*

*God, give us kindness, self-control,  
and hearts and hands that share.*



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### \*The Doxology TFWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem

**Scripture** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**Hymn UMH 465** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

**Scripture** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Message** *Freedom That Leads to the Yoke*

*When Cain Killed Abel: sung by Dr. Don Schuessler*

**\*Hymn UMH 439** *We Utter Our Cry*

### \*Benediction/Postlude

*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. Please see Amber for details.
- Bible Studies-** Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts); **6:30pm** in the Chapel (Mark). (*No studies due to VBS*)
- Safe Sanctuaries Refreshers- TODAY at 11:30am.**
- Vacation Bible School- June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>.** See Don if you can help.
- Office Closed- Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- Sunrise 5K- Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am.** \$10 to participate. Walk/run at your own pace.
- Church Picnic- Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> starting 2pm.** Dede and Ron hosting at their camp on Sylvia Lake, bring a dish to pass. Directions available.

*Please see our bulletin board for announcements,  
VBS registration/volunteer forms,  
Camp Aldersgate info & forms, etc!*

***Read ahead for next Sunday:***  
**2 Kings 5:1-14**

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