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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.

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/Lord's Prayer

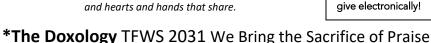
Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

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.

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

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give electronically!



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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 Boldy ~ Serve Joyfully ~ Lead Courageously

^{*}Opening Hymn UMH 579

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/

- **-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 30th-July 3rd.** See Don if you can help.
- -Office Closed- Friday July 4th.
- -Sunrise 5K- Saturday July 5th at **7:30am**. \$10 to participate. Walk/run at your own pace.
- -Church Picnic- Sunday July 27th 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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