



**\*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: Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

**All: Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.**

L: When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

**A: Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.**

L: When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

**A: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.**

L: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

**A: Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025.*

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

**All: Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the doors of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find their rest in you. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 545 *The Church's One Foundation*

**Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer &  
The Lord's Prayer**

#### Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Congregation-sung offertory (on screen)  
*A Wilderness Wandering People*



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

**\*The Doxology** TFWS 2031

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

#### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem

#### Scripture

Hosea 1:2-10

**Hymn** TFWS 2217

*By the Babylonian Rivers*

#### Message

*From Fruitless Fruit to Wandering Eyes*

**\*Hymn** UMH 591

*Rescue the Perishing*

#### \*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. Summer hours *Sun-Mon 7pm, Tues 4pm, Wed 5pm, Thurs 7pm*. Check FB group for daily updates.

**-Bible Studies-** Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts).

**-Church Picnic- TODAY** starting **2pm**. Dede and Ron hosting at their camp on Sylvia Lake, bring a dish to pass. Directions available.

**-Pickle & Praise-** Pickleball Fundraiser August 23<sup>rd</sup>. See Dede for more info.

**-We've Got Your Back- Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>** after Worship. More info coming SOON! Please be in prayer how you can participate.

Please fill out your Bible Study questionnaires!

Coffee Fellowship sign-up is outside the Office!

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

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

**Hosea 11:1-11**

**Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos**

**District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun**

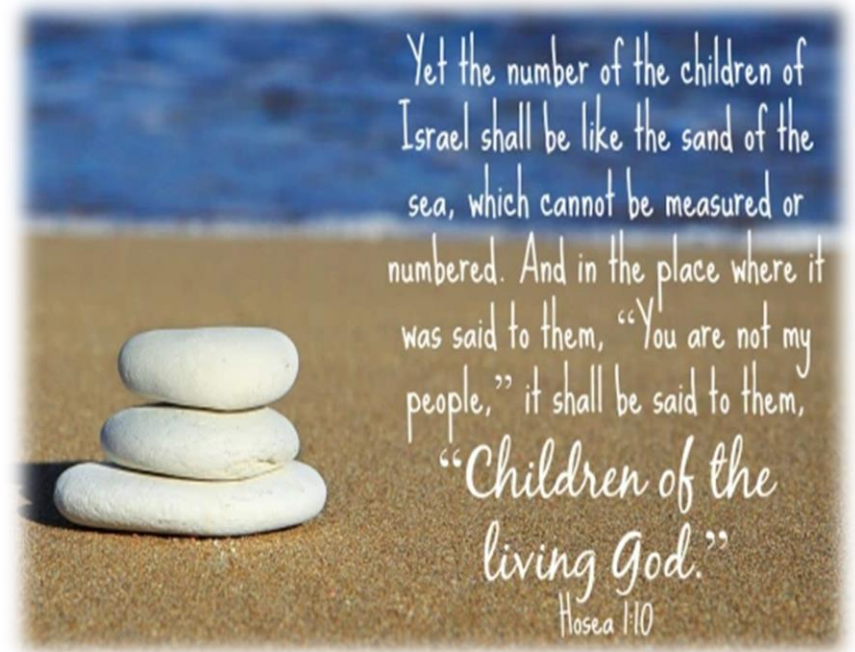
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## **First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur**

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**Choir Director: Don Schuessler**

**Organist: Glenda Schuessler**

**July 27, 2025**

