

## Welcome to Worship

### Brief Announcements with Welcoming Prayer

#### Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: Give your ear, God of all people.

**All: Stir up your strength and deliver us!**

L: Once, you rescued your children from bondage.

**A: Now, set your people free.**

L: Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

**A: Turn to us anew and see us in our need.**

L: Restore us, God of Creation.

**A: Let your face shine upon us.**

L: May our suffering cease.

**A: May all your children be saved.**

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and songs of praise. We join voices from ancient times, that placed their trust in you in days of joy or pain. Inspire us this hour, that we may never surrender to despair. Renew in us enduring faith, even as we join eternally in song. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** (on screen)      *Refiner's Fire*

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

## Tithes & Offerings

**\*The Doxology** UMH 95

### Children's Time

### Scripture



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

Isaiah 5:1-7

**Hymn** (on screen)      *Spirit of the Living God*

### Message *From False, Pious Hearts to Sour Grapes*

**\*Hymn** UMH 578      *God of Love and God of Power*

### \*Benediction

*Has God laid something on your heart from today's worship?  
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week!*

*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).

**-SPRC Mtg-** Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> at **5:30pm**.

**-COS Mtg-** Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at **6pm**.

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

**-Edwards Mission Dinner-** Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> from **4-6pm** at Edwards UMC. Chicken and biscuits, salad, rolls, beverages and desserts. Free will donation.

**-We've Got Your Back-** Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> after Worship. Backpacks, socks, underwear, personal hygiene items needed. Volunteer sign-up outside the Office.

**-Handbells-** Any interest please see Jane Wagner.

Coffee Fellowship sign-up is outside the Office!

*Please see our bulletin board for announcements, etc!*

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

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos**

**District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun**

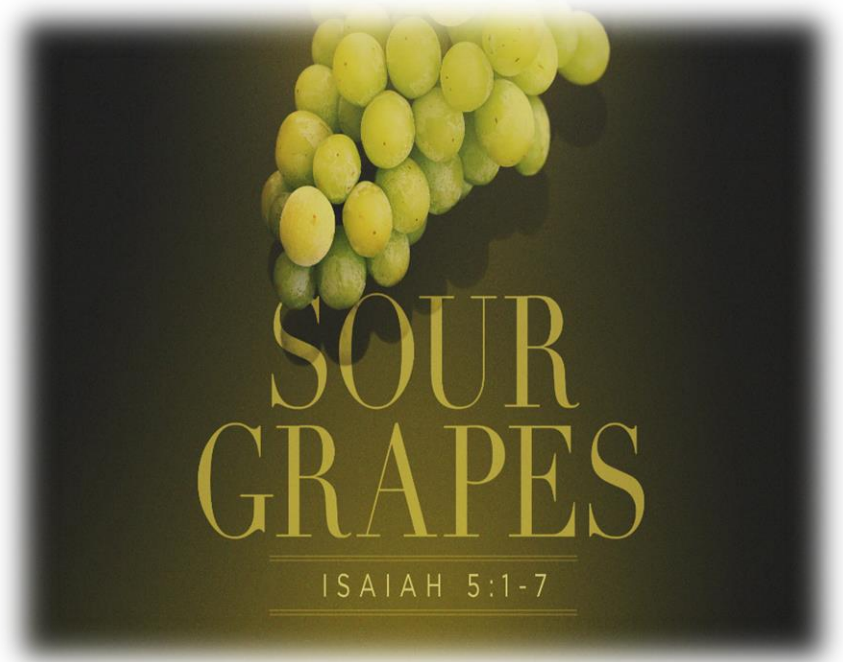
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**August 17, 2025**

