

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: Sing in exaltation, people of God.

**All: The Lord fills us with good things.**

L: Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.

**A: God feeds us with finest wheat.**

L: God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.

**A: The Lord sustains us with living water.**

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

**All: God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn UMH 92

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

## Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

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

### \*The Doxology UMH 95

### Children's Time

### Choir Anthem

### Scripture

Jeremiah 2:4-13

### Hymn TFWS 2132

*You Who Are Thirsty*

### Message

*From Sent Builders to Forgetting the Plan*

### \*Hymn (on screen) *We Love to Sound Your Praises*

### \*Benediction/Postlude

*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**



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

### **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 for daily updates.
- Bible Studies**- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts).
- We've Got Your Back**- **TODAY!!! 1-3pm.**
- Handbells**- Starting **this Wed. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **5:30pm** for 8 weeks. Sign-up sheet outside the Office. *See Jane Wagner.*
- Advent Devotionals**- Sign-up sheet outside Office. Deadline to turn in devotions will be **Sun. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- Church at the Fairgrounds +Bake Sale**- During Pumpkin Fest on **Sun. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** at **10 am.** *See Pat.*
- Pumpkin Run Fundraiser**- **Sat. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.** *See Amber.*
- Worship returns to the Sanctuary**- **Sun. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** at **11am.**

Coffee Fellowship sign-up is outside the Office!

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

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

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18      Jeremiah 18:1-11**

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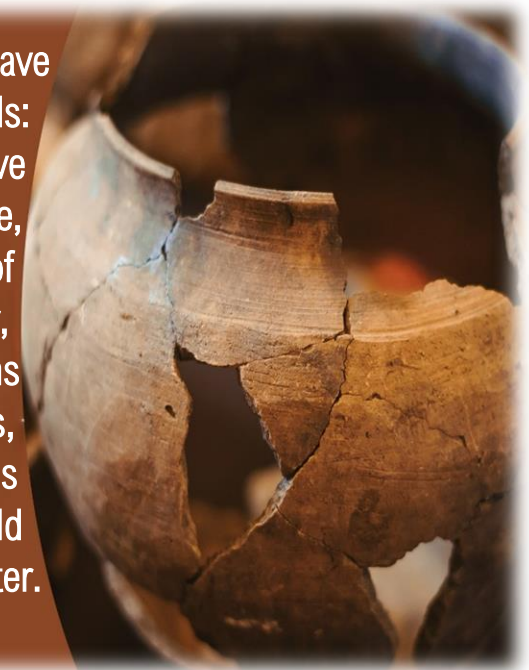
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...for my people have  
committed two evils:  
they have  
forsaken me,  
the fountain of  
living water,  
and dug out cisterns  
for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold  
no water.

*Jeremiah 2:13*



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

**Pastor Benjamin Lalka**

**Choir Director: Don Schuessler**

**Organist: Glenda Schuessler**

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