

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/Brief Announcements/Welcoming Prayer

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: "There is no God!" people say.

All: "I can do what I like!" everyone thinks.

L: "Who cares about God?" questioners ask.

A: "I'm here for me; I don't answer to anyone!" the foolish think.

L: God looks for faith.

A: Will God find it?

L: God looks for care for the poor.

A: Will we provide it?

L: God looks for love.

A: Will God find it in us?

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: God of wind and fire, blow through our lives. Release us from all that binds us, and free us from thoughts and fears that keep us from union with you and with one another. Lay waste to the burdens that impede us, and wash away the debris that weigh us down. As we strive to follow your path, guide us onto the road of righteousness. Make us a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who dwell alone. In hope of your mercy, we pray. Amen.

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*Opening Hymn TFWS 2216

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Congregation-sung offertory (on screen)

A Wilderness Wandering People

*The Doxology UMH 95

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Mission Report

Scripture

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Hymn TFWS 2162

Grace Alone

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message

Holding on to Hope

*Hymn UMH 368

My Hope Is Built

*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/

- RIP IT-** Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.
- Bible Studies-** Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts). New study beginning **Thurs. Oct. 2nd at 7pm.**
- SPRC Meeting-** Tues. Sept. 16th at 5:30pm.
- Advent Devotionals-** Sign-up sheet outside Office. Deadline to turn in devotions will be **Sun. Nov. 9th.**
- Church at the Fairgrounds +Bake Sale-** During Pumpkin Fest **NEXT Sun. Sept. 21st at 10am.** See Pat.
- Pumpkin Run Fundraiser & Pulled Pork Luncheon-** Sat. Sept. 27th. Run at 9:45am; Luncheon from 10:45am-1pm. See Amber.
- Worship returns to the Sanctuary-** Sun. Sept. 28th at 11am. Also Soup Sunday for Fellowship! Bring a soup to share!

Coffee Fellowship sign-up is outside the Office!
Please see our bulletin board for announcements, etc!

Read ahead for next Sunday:
To be determined

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