



***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: The Holy Spirit rekindles God's purpose and grace for our lives.

All: Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

L: Christ Jesus, our savior, abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

A: This is good news, not just for ourselves, but for the world.

L: Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Holy and Triune God, your table transcends time and space. As your disciples on World Communion Sunday, we join our voices to the songs and prayers offered to your name throughout the world. Increase our faith and give us grace to love and forgive one another, as you have loved and forgiven us. We remember all your beloved children who suffer this day-especially the victims and refugees of war. We hear the echo of their broken lives in the songs of lament in today's scriptures. Help us bear witness to their suffering without fear. Give us the courage to live in love with you, in you, and for you. For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn UMH 553**

And Are We Yet Alive

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

***The Doxology UMH 95**

Children's Time

Scripture

Luke 17: 5-10

Hymn UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Message

Ignis Renascens, Crescens

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*):

All: Holy God, we need the witness of Timothy and the disciples, because we know what it is like to be short on faith, to be afraid of failure, and to avoid suffering. Holy God, we yearn for the encouragement of Paul and Jesus, because you still do mighty works through our tiny window of faith. Your holy call on our lives depends on your grace not our success. And your Holy Spirit gives us power to endure the suffering of our failures.

Holy Communion

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***Hymn UMH 395**

Take Time to Be Holy

***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**



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), Thursdays at **7pm**.

-Advent Devotionals- Sign-up sheet outside Office. Deadline to turn in devotions will be **Sun. Nov. 9th**.

-DS Installation- **Sun. Oct. 12th** at **4pm** at Asbury: Watertown UMC for Rev. Yohang Chun.

-Laity Sunday- **Sun. Oct. 19th** . We will be blessed to have many of our laity lead our worship service!

-Charge Conference- **Sat. Nov. 1st** at **10am** at Dekalb Junction UMC.

Coffee Fellowship sign-up is outside the Office!

Please see our bulletin board for announcements, etc!

Read ahead for next Sunday:

Psalm 66: 1-12

Luke 17: 11-19

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World Communion Sunday

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