



***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: From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Jeremiah.

All: Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.

L: All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

A: All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and human fulfillment.

L: The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

A: It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

L: In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

A: That all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. With Jesus, we ask the question, "Will there be faith on earth?" Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and now? Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** TFWS 2008

Let All Things Now Living

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/ Lord's Prayer

Pastor Appreciation

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Anna Laura Page

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

***The Doxology** TFWS 2036

Give Thanks

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Message

*by lay leaders: **Pat Williams & Linda Golja***

Hymn UMH 558

We Are the Church

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sing Praise to God

arr. Edward Broughton

My soul with comfort rich he fills,

And every grief he gently stills:

To God all praise and glory!

*A special thanks to Jackson Ritchie,
our collaborating artist on violin for the choir anthem today.*

*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/

-**RIP IT**- Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.

-**Bible Studies**- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts), Thursdays at **7pm**.

- **District Gathering- Mon. Oct. 27th 10am-12pm** *All are welcome to attend*

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

-**All Saints Day- Sun. Nov 2:** If you'd like us to remember someone during service, please call the office, email or use the sign-up sheet (*located outside of office*)

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

- **Pastor on Call** : Rev. Beth Benham



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