

*Please stand if you are able

UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive):

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One,

All: Who looks upon us with love and mercy.

L: Blessed be the Holy One,

A: Who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.

L: Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child,

A: Who rules in a realm of forgiveness and peace.

L: Blessed be the Holy One,

A: Who is worthy of our worship.

Opening Prayer (in unison):

All: God of Creation, we cannot see you, but we see what you have created in all its beauty and bounty! Jesus, Child of God, the entire universe lives in you, and for you, and through you! Spirit of the Holy One, you sweep across creation, enlivening and sustaining. Everything on earth and in heaven has its being and its hope because of you, Triune God. Blessed is your holy, life-giving name! Amen.

Opening Hymn UMH 529

How Firm a Foundation

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/ Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

All Thanks and Praise to God! arr. Lani Smith

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

*The Doxology TFWS 2036

Give Thanks

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture Jeremiah 23:1-6

Hymn (on screen) Will the Lord Remember Me

Scripture Luke 23:33-43

Message "Shepherd-King"

Hymn UMH 715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Benediction

*Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Cruger/Lloyd Larson

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us.

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 Boldy ~ Serve Joyfully ~ Lead Courageously

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshiping 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**.
- **"Printed Advent Devotionals are Available"** pdf available on our website
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner- Thurs. Nov 27 starting at 11:30 am

Read Ahead: Matthew 24:36-44
Romans 13:11-14

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First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

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