You Belong Here

***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is **U**nited **M**ethodist **H**ymnal (red book)
TFWS is **T**he **F**aith **W**e **S**ing (black book)

Announcements and Welcome to Worship

Prelude
O That I Had a Thousand Voices Johann B. Konig/Roger C. Wilson
O that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with a thousand tongues!

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (responsive*)*
WL: In every season, Christ is our hope.
C: We gather to encourage one another and keep faith alive.
WL: The light of Christ shines even in times of waiting.
C: We will tend that light with love and faithfulness.
WL: Let us worship the One who is coming and is with us now.
C: We are ready to receive Christ and share Christ's hope.
All: We will meet Jesus, follow Jesus, and serve Jesus.
Amen.

Opening Hymn UMH 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Celebrating Joys and Lifting Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation(on screen)** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25:1-13

Message *"Faithful While We Wait" - Pastor Kevin R. Kitto*

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

***The Doxology UMH 95**
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Sending Forth Hymn UMH 715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

***Sending Forth in Mission and Benediction**
WL: How shall we live while we wait?
Congregation: With faith, hope, and love.
WL: How shall we share Christ's light?
C: By encouraging and serving one another. We will "Meet Jesus, Follow Jesus, Serve Jesus"
WL: Go in hope.

***Postlude** Christ, the Sure Foundation Tom Birchwood

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.
And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.
Ephesians 2:20 (NLT)

Has God laid something on your heart today?
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week.

United Methodist Vision Statement

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ, who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

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 church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group or contact Amber Ormasen for updates.

-Monday, Nov. 10 - Book/Bible Study 6:30-8pm **at the library**.The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

-Wed. Nov. 11th - Observance of Veteran's Day. The office will be closed and Bible Study is cancelled.

-Fri., Nov. 13 - Christmas Auction at Natural Bridge Firehall to benefit the Natural Bridge UMC, 5pm

-Sat., Nov. 21 - Grandparents' Breakfast- 8:30-10:30am - Donations of homemade muffins, breads, donuts and jams are welcomed.

-Sun. Nov. 22 - Consecration Sunday - Dinner to follow service at FUMC. RSVP to the office for dinner reservation.

St. James Outreach is in need of children's clothing in good condition. Drop off during business hours - Tues. through Sat., 10am-2pm.

Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery Drivers are needed. Please see Pat if you are able.

Read ahead for next week:
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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Sermon Series: **Blessed to be a Blessing**
Service Title: **Keep Your Lamps Burning**

Theme: We live ready for Christ by keeping faith alive, encouraging one another, and sharing hope through acts of love.

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11am