

You Belong Here

***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

Announcements, Praise and Worship

Hospitality Mission Statement: *(unison)*

All: Welcome! We celebrate diversity and believe everyone deserves love and acceptance. All individuals are welcome here, no matter backgrounds, beliefs or perspectives. Together, we create a safe, nurturing environment guided by the light of Christ as we worship, learn, and grow.

Songs of Praise(on screen) *Fierce* by Jesus Culture
 Lord I Need You by Matt Maher

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Leader: Welcome, beloved community! Today, we gather to experience the grace of God and the warmth of radical hospitality.

Congregation: We come as we are, seeking belonging and connection in this sacred space.

WL: In the spirit of the Prodigal Son, we are reminded that all are welcomed home.

C: We open our hearts to grace, ready to embrace one another in love.

WL: Let us worship with joy, knowing that in Christ, we find our true family.

C: We come together, united in faith, ready to love boldly and serve joyfully.

WL: May our worship today inspire us to lead courageously in our communities.

All: Amen!

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture Luke 15:11-32

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

Song of Preparation

Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 9:9-13

***Gloria Patri** UMH 71 *Glory Be to the Father*

Message *Belonging Before Believing*

Prayer of Application

Reprise *Lord, I Need You*

Prayer Concerns & Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music (on screen)

***The Doxology** UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (in unison)

All: Loving God, We thank You for Your abundant blessings. May our gifts reflect our gratitude and love. Use them to spread Your grace and light, bringing hope and joy to our community. Amen.

***Sending Forth in Mission** (on screen)

***Sending Forth Song** (on screen)

Glorious Day by Passion

***Benediction and *Postlude**

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

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

-Aug. 1 - Summer Sunrise Series- Annual 5k Fundraiser, walk or run at your own pace. \$10 per race. Join us for our last one on 8/1 at 7:30am. Complete $\frac{3}{4}$ races to receive a t-shirt!

-Saturday, Aug. 8th -Pickleball Praise Tournament - Register on "Playtime Scheduler" Call 315-778-5721 for info.

-Sunday, Aug. 16th - Church Picnic - SAVE THE DATE, Details TBA

-Sunday, Aug. 23rd - We Got Your Back

Read ahead for next Sunday:

Galatians 5:13-14, Acts 2:42-47

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Mission: "Meet Jesus, Follow Jesus, Serve Jesus"

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Worship Leader: Mike Hamilton

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