

# *You Belong Here*

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

## Welcome to Worship - Announcements

### 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.**

### Hymn of Praise UMH660

*God is Here*

### Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Leader: We gather today in the presence of the One who is always with us.

### Congregation: **Best of all, God is with us!**

WL: In moments of joy and in times of sorrow, we find assurance in God's love.

### C: **Best of all, God is with us!**

WL: No matter where we go, God's spirit guides us.

### C: **Best of all, God is with us!**

WL: As we worship together, let us open our hearts to His presence.

### C: **Best of all, God is with us!**

## Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

### Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

### Today's Word and Prayer

### Scripture

Psalm 139:7-10

### Young Disciples Message and Prayer

### \*Hymn of Preparation sung to the tune of **UMH 682**

*O God You Send Us Out to Walk, verses 1,3,5*

### \*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:18-20

### \*Glori Patri UMH 71

### Message

*Best of All, God is With Us*

### Response

### Prayer Concerns & Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### Recognition of our Graduates

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Anthem

### \*The Doxology UMH 95

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

### \*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we thank You for these gifts. May they be used to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Bless our offerings and the hearts that give, that they may spread Your love in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Sending Forth in Mission

### \*Sending Forth Hymn TFWS 2239

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

## **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/](http://www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/)

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

-TODAY - Church Picnic, Sylvia Lake. Bring a dish to pass.

- Aug. 18, 6pm - SPRC meeting

-Aug. 19, 6pm - COS meeting

- Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 1-4pm - We Got Your Back (To School)  
Toiletry donations are needed

-Saturday, Sept. 5, 6pm - Line Dancing Fundraiser, Elks Club

Newsletter News is needed. Send your ideas to Bridgette

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it in writing to B. LaPierre by email or in person by Wednesday.

**Read ahead for next Sunday:  
Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 10:25-37**

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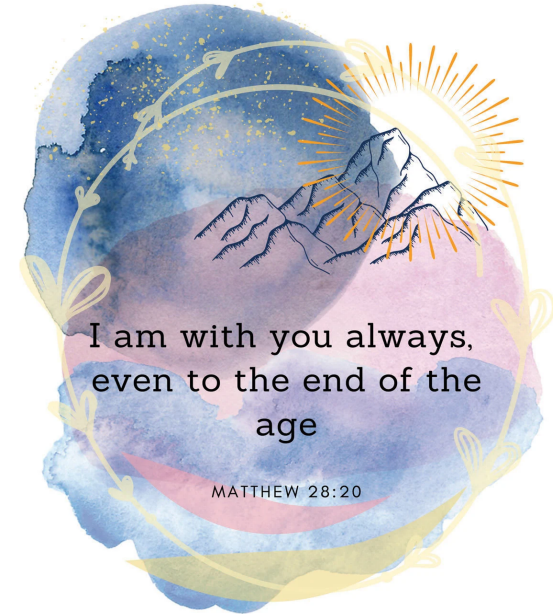
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## **First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur**

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

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Lector: Jackie Prashaw

Ministers of Music: Don & Glenda Schuessler

**August 16, 2026**

