

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 Prelude (W&S 3116 - on screen) *Love the Lord*

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Worship Leader: Come, let us gather in the spirit of unity and love, seeking to do no harm in all that we do.

Congregation: We come open-hearted, ready to serve and love one another as Christ loves us.

L: As we hear Jesus say: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

C: We seek to see Christ in every face, responding with compassion and kindness.

L: With the guidance of the Good Samaritan, let us show mercy and care to those in need.

C: We commit to walking the path of love, justice, and peace.

L: Let us embrace the First General Rule: "Do no harm."

C: Empowered by God's grace, we strive to live in harmony and love, doing good in all things.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.

C: We lift our voices in praise and open our hearts to God's Word. Amen.

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 25:34-40

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 10:25-37

Message

The Most Important Commandment

Song of Reflection

Love Like This by Lauren Daigle

Prayer Concerns & Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment - Zambia

G.Nichols/Schuesslers

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Love You Lord by Laurie Klein

***The Doxology UMH682**

Praise God vs 5

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Loving God, we thank you for the blessings you have poured into our lives. As we offer these gifts to you, we pray that they may be used to spread your love and grace throughout the world. May they support missions that bring hope and healing, both in distant lands and within our own community. Unite us in purpose and action, that we may serve others as you have called us to do. With grateful hearts, we lift this prayer of thanksgiving, trusting in your abundant provision. Amen.

***Sending Forth in Mission**

***Sending Forth Hymn TFWS 2223**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

***Benediction and *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/

-Bible Study- every Wednesday at 10am - Resumes Sept. 9
RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group or contact
Amber Ormasen for updates.

- Today, 1-4pm - We Got Your Back (To School)

Toiletry donations are needed

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

- Sunday, Sept. 13th - Service resumes in the Sanctuary at 11:00am. North Gouverneur service will begin at 9:30am.

- Monday, Sept. 14th - Book/Bible Study Mondays at 6:30-8pm in the Gouverneur Library Loft (10 sessions) The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

-Saturday, Sept. 19th 9:30-11am- New Women's Book Study led by Marietta Kitto, Unshakable Moxie-Growing a Resilient Faith by Lina AbuJamra - More details to come.

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:

Galatians 6:9-10; Matthew 5:14-16

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