

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.

* Prelude

Fantasy on "Holy Manna" arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

***May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
and the Father's boundless love,***

With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: God often speaks to us through burning bushes, inviting us to liberate others, even when we feel unsure and afraid.

Congregation: Lord, grant us the courage to accept your call.

L: Sometimes God's call is unclear, met with resistance from our families and communities as we share the good news.

C: Lord, grant us the courage to accept your call.

L: At times, God leads us onto challenging paths, asking us to trust that we will receive what we need.

C: Lord, grant us the courage to accept your call.

L: Together, let us move from hesitation to acceptance, strengthened by our faith.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn UMH 560 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Glory Be to the Father

Message

The Journey of Acceptance

Response: A Prayer of Acceptance (on screen)

Prayer Concerns, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for all you have given us. May our offerings today be a reflection of our love for you and our commitment to do your work. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology UMH 95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, Thank you for calling us from unexpected places to serve in Your love. May our offerings reflect our trust in You. Transform us through Your presence, guiding us to bring healing and hope to the world. Amen.

*Sending Forth in Mission

*Sending Forth Hymn UMH 593

Here I Am, Lord

*Benediction

*Postlude Voluntary in F Robert Lau *Romans 15:13 (CEB)*

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith
so that you overflow with hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit.***

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/

-Bible Study- every Wednesday at 10am

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

- **Sunday, Sept. 13th** Potluck fellowship

- **Monday, Sept. 14th** - Regular office hours return to 9am-1pm

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

- **Tues., Sept. 15th** - COS meeting at 6pm

- **Wed., Sept. 16th** - Trustee meeting at 6pm

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

- **Sun. Sept. 20th** - "Chosen" Watch Party, 5pm, Potluck dinner, show and discussion

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First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

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

Worship Pastor: Rev. Kevin R. Kitto

Lector: Ashley Barr

Ministers of Music: Don & Glenda Schuessler

September 13, 2026

Read ahead for next Sunday: Exodus 12: 1-14 , Matthew 18:15-20

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos

District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun

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NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

Make a difference in the lives
of our youngest church family
members!



The Role

Provide loving, attentive,
and age-appropriate care for
infants through school-age
children during church services
and activities.



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- ♥ Ensure a safe, welcoming environment
- ♥ Follow church policies & procedures
- ♥ Maintain a clean and organized nursery
- ♥ Communicate with families and church staff
- ♥ Complete Safe Sanctuary training (required)

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