

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

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Congregation: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

L: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if forgiveness really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

C: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

L: We are tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

C: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

L: In this place, may we encounter Christ in the places where we want to give up and where we despair that life-giving change is possible.

C: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

Opening Hymn UMH 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings
Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Exodus 14:19–31 MSG

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21–35 MSG

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Glory Be to the Father

Message

Grace

Prayer Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology UMH 95

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them for your work in the world. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have given us. May our lives, our resources, and our service become instruments of grace, reconciliation, and hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Sending Forth in Mission

Sending Forth Hymn UMH 365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin

*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/

-Bible Study- Wednesdays at 10am

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

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

- **Sundays** - "Chosen" Watch Party, 5pm, Potluck dinner, show and discussion

-**Monday, Sept. 28th** - 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.

-**Sat. Oct. 24**-10am - 4pm Lay Servant Basic Course @ FUMC

-**Sat., Nov. 7** - Craft Show 10am-3pm, Vendor info. on back table

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Read ahead for next Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Matthew 21:33-46

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First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

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

Worship Pastor: Pastor Kevin R. Kitto

Lector: Ashley Barr

Musician: Marietta R. Kitto

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