

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

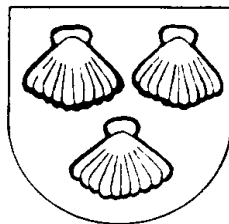
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**August 25, 2024**  
**10:00 am**  
**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude** "Amazing Grace" arr. by John Purifoy **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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**Welcome** **Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Gathering Song** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1) **UMH 139**

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

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**Call to Worship** **Barbara Cook**

One: God is calling all who hunger and thirst to come together and find nourishment in worship!

**All: Every living thing needs water and food. We all thirst and hunger for good things to fill us up.**

One: God is calling all who need shelter and breath to come together and breathe in the shelter of God's presence.

**All: Every living thing needs shelter and breath. We all require a place to be safe and breathe slowly.**

One: God is calling all the people to gather in community to be restored and supported.

**All: Every living thing needs community. Our communities may look different, but we must walk this life with others.**

One: Come, let us worship the Creator God who fashioned a world where all our needs would be met in abundance.

**All: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth!**

**Opening Prayer** **Barbara Cook**

**God, our Creator, Provider, and Caretaker,  
we have come to worship you because all of creation depends upon your good plans.  
You made systems that renew water, soil, air, and environments;  
when we are attentive to your systems, life flourishes.  
Life evolves to thrive—what a gift and a blessing!  
Today, we witness your glory, evident in the seas, forests, deserts, and plains,  
and magnificently proclaimed in the lives of people around us.  
Expand our love and appreciation for everything you made, especially each other.  
Amen.**

**Passing the Peace** **Barbara Cook**  
The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of joy

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**Scripture**

**Psalm 100 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

**Anthem**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

**Antuan Hairston, vocalist**

Music: Albert Malotte  
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**Message**

“Let’s Praise the Lord”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

One: Children of the Creator, friends of Jesus, and followers of the Way, come, let us affirm our understanding of every living thing’s needs.

**All: Though creation is limited, and bound by space and time, we believe in a limitless, boundless God who knows our unique needs and cares for all.**

One: We believe God calls all dwelling places good, from caves to coral, barns to bayous, apartments to aquifers.

**All: Every living thing needs shelter. Shelter protects life!**

One: We believe God causes the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cherish, to bring forth food from the earth.

**All: Every living thing needs food. Food energizes life!**

One: We believe God designed all life on earth to exist in precisely balanced cycles of precipitation and evaporation, growth and decay, death and resurrection.

**All: Every living thing needs water. Water hydrates life!**

One: We believe God’s breath hovered over the face of deep chaos. God created light, darkness, land, and life as they breathed out the words, “Let there be...”

**All: Every living thing needs air. Air sustains life!**

One: We believe in God’s holy community, the Trinity, three in one. We believe God designed us as cohabitants of this exquisite garden, for cooperation not conquest, for sustainability not selfishness.

**All: Every living thing needs community. Community produces life!**

**All: We believe in the magnificent design of Earth’s evolving resilience. May we honor and follow the example of creation.**

Lord's Prayer

Barbara Cook

Offering

\*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God All creatures here below  
 Alleluia alleluia  
 Praise God the source of all our gifts  
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts  
 Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
 Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Hallelujah!  
 Praise Ye the Lord!  
 Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Hallelujah!  
 Praise Ye the Lord!  
 Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
 Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
 Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah!  
 Praise Ye the Lord!  
 Praise? What's that?  
 It's a Yippee Yahoo Way to Go God!  
 Praise? What's that?  
 It's a Yippee Yahoo Way to Go God!  
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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"Tis a Gift to Be Simple" arr. by John Purifoy

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### Questions for Reflection

In the Gospel of John, Peter declares to Jesus, “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:68–69). Are “believing” and “knowing” the same action? How does knowing something intensify our believing something?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Living God, give me strength for this day.  
Let your truth surround me, your righteousness defend me,  
your gospel guide me, your trustworthiness shield me, and your salvation protect me,  
that in every trial I may stand by the power of your Spirit  
and live by your holy Word. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the day ends and the night begins  
be near the brokenhearted, save the crushed in spirit, and redeem the life of your servants.  
You are our shield by day.  
Be our refuge by night so that we may rest in the confidence of your grace;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Resources:

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