

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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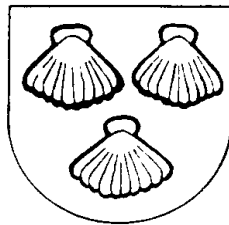
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**10:00 am**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude**

"How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place" Brahms Arr. by Lani Smith

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**Welcome**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Gathering Song**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1 & 2)

**UMH 92**

1. For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moons and stars of light  
Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

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**Call to Worship**

**Barbara Cook**

ONE: Blessed be the One who creates all things.  
**ALL: The Holy One's love is new every morning.**  
ONE: This is the day the Creator has made.  
**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Barbara Cook**

**Loving God, Creator of all, we thank you for the beauty of Creation;  
show us, we pray, how to respect the fragile balance of life.  
Guide by your wisdom those who have power to care for or to destroy the environment,  
that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for  
future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Barbara Cook**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**UMH 140**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

**Refrain**  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

\*Please stand as able

2. Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love

**Refrain**

3. Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside

**Refrain**

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**Scripture**

**Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 (NRSVue)  
James 1: 17-27 (NRSVue)  
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21 23 (NRSVue)**

**Barbara Cook**

**Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

**UMH 399**

1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

2. Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose

3. Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

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**Message**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 94**

\*Please stand as able

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

## Holy Communion

### \*Closing Hymn

“Lord, I Want to Be A Christian”

**UMH 402**

1. Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart (in my heart)

2. Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart (in my heart)

3. Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart (in my heart)

4. Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart (in my heart)

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## Benediction

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## Postlude

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*Questions for Reflection*

“My beloved speaks and says to me, ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away’” (Song 2:10). Song of Solomon portrays a vivid picture of romantic love in poetic form. Can you recall an experience of romantic love? In what ways does romantic love parallel our relationship with Christ? In what ways is it different?

*Household Prayer: Morning*

Beloved Savior, my heart overflows with your goodness.  
The night has passed. The morning has come.  
Your voice calls me to arise and come with you into this new day.  
Let your love strengthen me to answer your call and follow you,  
caring for those in need of your love. Amen.

*Household Prayer: Evening*

Christ, Beloved One, I desired to keep pace with your steps of love today,  
but I found my mind wandering, my feet straying, my heart forgetting your love.  
Gather me again in your gracious embrace and renew my strength  
as I rest in your love this night. Amen.

Resources:

\*Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration Guide, 2024. [newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation](http://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation).

\* [The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024](#); Abingdon Press, 2023.

\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2

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