

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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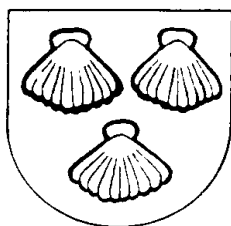
## July 26, 2020 – Water Walking

9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell  
Director of Music: Emma Baker

Organist/Pianist: Bonnie Inkman  
Bell Choir Director: Laural Clark



**Saint James**  
**United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

# GATHER

## *Expanding Our Hearts*

### Welcome

### Prelude

“Panis Angelicus” (Cesar Franck)

*offered by Emma Baker, Viola*

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### Call to Worship

ONE: God, you are a God of invitation.

**ALL: You invited Abraham to follow you.**

ONE: You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

**ALL: You invited the children to draw near.**

ONE: You invited Peter to walk on water.

**ALL: You invited the tax collector to dinner.**

ONE: You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

**ALL: Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.**

ONE: Give us the strength to say yes.

**ALL: In hope and faith we worship you, good and holy God. Amen.**

### Hymn

“’Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

**UMH #462**

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
(Refrain)

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.  
(Refrain)

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.  
(Refrain)

## Prayer for Illumination

**God of unending surprises, This life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love. Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias. Unravel our assumptions. Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you. And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word. We are listening. We are praying. Amen.**

## Centering Moment

### PROCLAIMING

#### *Receiving God's Word*

#### Scripture

**Matthew 14: 22-33**

***Eddie Candee, Liturgist***

<sup>22</sup> Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. <sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. <sup>25</sup> Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

<sup>27</sup> Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

<sup>33</sup> Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"



**Anthem**

“Here Comes Jesus”

**Stephanie Clark, soloist**

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**Witness to the Word**

“Water Walking”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**RESPONDING**

*Transformation of Our Lives*



**Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World**

You can share your prayer requests at [pastor.saintjames@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.saintjames@verizon.net) or [stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net)

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving of Gifts**

**SENDING FORTH**

*Sharing Compassion for Our World*

**Closing Song**

“Close to Thee”

**UMH #407**

1. Thou my everlasting portion,  
more than friend or life to me,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,  
nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
gladly will I toil and suffer,  
Only let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee close to thee,  
gladly will I toil and suffer,  
Only let me walk with thee.

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,  
bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
then the gate of life eternal  
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
then the gate of life eternal  
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

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## Benediction Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

## Postlude

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” **offered by Emma Baker, viola**

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