

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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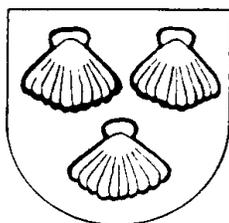
## July 19, 2020 – Who Knew?

### 9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell  
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Bell Choir Director: Laural Clark



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

# GATHER

## *Expanding Our Hearts*



### Welcome

### Prelude

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *offered by Emma Baker, organ*

UMH song 557

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### Call to Worship

ONE: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

**ALL: Hem us in before and behind.**

ONE: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

**ALL: Weave us together in hope and praise.**

ONE: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

**ALL: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts. Draw us together and point is toward you. In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship. Amen.**

### Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH #467

### Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

### Chorus

Trust and obey  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey

### Verse 2

Not a burden we bear  
Not a sorrow we share  
But our toil He doth richly repay  
Not a grief or a loss

### Verse 3

But we never can prove  
The delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay  
For the favor he shows

Not a frown or a cross  
But is blessed if we trust and obey

For the joy he bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey

### Chorus

### Chorus

### Verse 4

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends we will go  
Never fear only trust and obey

### Chorus

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### 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

**Genesis 18: 1-5**

***Debra Bostron, Liturgist***

The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs<sup>[a]</sup> of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where’s your wife Sarah?”

And he said, “Right here in the tent.”

<sup>10</sup> Then one of the men said, “I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!”

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I’m no longer able to have children and my husband’s old.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Me give birth? At my age?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son.”

<sup>15</sup> Sarah lied and said, “I didn’t laugh,” because she was frightened.

But he said, “No, you laughed.”

### **Genesis 21: 1-7**

The LORD was attentive to Sarah just as he had said, and the LORD carried out just what he had promised her. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. <sup>6</sup> Sarah said, “God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> She said, “Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I’ve given birth to a son when he was old!”



**Anthem**

**“Calypso on ‘He Leadeth Me’”**

William B. Bradbury

Arranged by Tammy Waldrop

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***Handbell Choir***

**Witness to the Word**

**“Who Knew?”**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

RESPONDING  
*Transformation of Our Lives*



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

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving of Gifts**

SENDING FORTH  
*Sharing Compassion for Our World*

**Closing Song**

"He Has Made Me Glad"

**TFWS #2270**

**Verse**

I will enter His gates  
With thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter His courts with praise  
I will say this is the day  
That the Lord has made  
I will rejoice  
For He has made me glad

**Chorus**

He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

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Leona Von Brethorst

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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**

"Thaxted" (Holst)

*offered by Emma Baker, organ*



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