

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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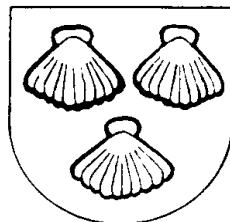
**January 10, 2021**

**“Remember Your Baptism and Be Thankful”**

**9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

# WE GATHER

## Welcome and Preparation

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River” (Spiritual/arr. Dale Wood)  
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### Crossing the Threshold

#### Call to Worship

*Jim Quindlen, Liturgist*

One: Christ is born!

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

ONE: God has come to claim us as God’s own children.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

ONE: Love has given us this glorious gift.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

#### Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

**UMH 145**

##### Verse 1

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

##### Verse 2

Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

##### Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise ev’ry morning  
God’s recreation of the new day

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 145  
**Text:** Elenor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)  
**Music:** Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988  
**Tune:** BUNESSAN, **Meter:** 55.54 D

#### Opening Prayer

**Abba, Father, Mother, God, we come as your children this day.  
We celebrate your presence in our lives and in our world.  
We rejoice in the gift of Christ Jesus, who claims us as sisters and brothers.  
As we move into this New Year, send your Spirit to lead us and strengthen us, that we may  
grow in your wisdom and rest in your love.  
When our hearts are unsure, give us joy.  
When we tire of waiting, grant us patience.  
When we forget to sing your praise, forgive our ingratitude.**

**In this new season, send your love and light upon us so that we may rejoice as your sons and daughters, as brothers and sisters with Christ.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM

**Children's Time to Shine**

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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**Scripture**

**Acts 19: 1-7 (CEB)**

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<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul took a route through the interior and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you came to believe?"

They replied, "We've not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

<sup>3</sup> Then he said, "What baptism did you receive, then?"

They answered, "John's baptism."

<sup>4</sup> Paul explained, "John baptized with a baptism by which people showed they were changing their hearts and lives. It was a baptism that told people about the one who was coming after him. This is the one in whom they were to believe. This one is Jesus." <sup>5</sup> After they listened to Paul, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in other languages and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> Altogether, there were about twelve people.

**Scripture**

**Mark 1: 4-11**

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<sup>4</sup> John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. <sup>5</sup> Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. <sup>11</sup> And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**Responsive Hymn**

**"When Jesus Came to Jordan"**

**UMH 252**

**Verse 1**

**Verse 2**

When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John  
He did not come for pardon  
But as the sinless one  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins

He came to share temptation  
Our utmost woe and loss  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross  
So when the Dove descended  
On Him the Son of Man  
The hidden years had ended  
The age of grace began

### Verse 3

Come Holy Spirit aid us  
To keep the vows we make  
This very day invade us  
And every bondage break  
Come give our lives direction  
The gift we covet most  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost

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### Message

“Remember Your Baptism and Be Thankful”

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### WE RESPOND

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

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

### Mission Moment

### Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

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# WE GO FORTH

## Closing Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River”

**UMH 723**

### Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God

### Chorus

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river  
Gather with the saint at the river  
That flows by the throne of God

### Verse 2

On the margin of the river  
Washing up its silver spray  
We will talk and worship ever  
All the happy golden day

### Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river  
Lay we ev'ry burden down  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown

### Chorus

### Chorus

### Verse 4

Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace

### Chorus

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## Benediction

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Go forth in peace, the peace of Christ.  
Go forth with love, the love of God.  
Go forth to serve, led by the Spirit of God.

## Postlude

“Hornpipe in D” (John S. Dixon)

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