

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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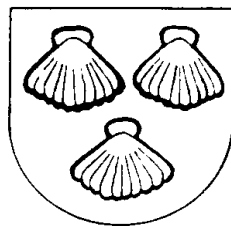
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**“Counting the Cost”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“Prelude on *O Waly Waly*” arr. by Raymond H. Haan

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### Welcome

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Introit

“Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast”

**UMH 616**

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.

2. Do not begin to make excuse;  
Ah! do not you his grace refuse;  
your worldly cares and pleasures leave,  
And take what Jesus hath to give.

3. Come and partake the gospel feast,  
be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;  
O taste the goodness of our God,  
and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

4. See him set forth before your eyes;  
behold the bleeding sacrifice;  
his offered love make haste to embrace,  
And freely now be saved by grace.

5. Ye who believe his record true  
shall sup with him and he with you;  
come to the feast, be saved from sin,  
for Jesus waits to take you in.

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### Call to Worship

**Barbara Cook**

ONE: O Lord, you have searched me; you know me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise.**

**You discern my thoughts from far away.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works.**

**This I know very well.**

With all your children,

**I will give you thanks and praise!**

### Opening Prayer

**Barbara Cook**

**Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it.**

**Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn, to live; Help us be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

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

**Opening Hymn**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

**UMH 382**

1. Have Thine own way Lord  
 have Thine own way  
 Thou art the Potter I am the clay  
 Mold me and make me after Thy will  
 While I am waiting yielded and still

2. Have thine own way Lord  
 have Thine own way  
 Search me and try me Savior today  
 Wash me just now Lord wash me just now  
 As in thy presence humbly I bow

3. Have Thine own way Lord  
 have Thine own way  
 Wounded and weary help me I pray  
 Power all power surely is Thine  
 Touch me and heal me Savior divine

4. Have thine own way Lord  
 have Thine own way  
 Hold o’er my being absolute sway  
 Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
 Christ only always living in me

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**Scripture**

Luke 14:25-33 (CEB)

**Barbara Cook**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and doesn’t hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one’s own life—cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever doesn’t carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn’t you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn’t finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. <sup>30</sup> They will say, ‘Here’s the person who began construction and couldn’t complete it!’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? <sup>32</sup> And if he didn’t think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

**Hymn**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

**UMH 600**

1. Sing them over again to me  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Let me more of their beauty see  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Words of life and beauty  
 Teach me faith and duty

**Refrain**

Beautiful words, wonderful words  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Beautiful words wonderful words  
 Wonderful words of life

2. Christ the blessed One gives to all  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Sinner list to the loving call  
 Wonderful words of life  
 All so freely given  
 Wooing us to Heaven

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Offer pardon and peace to all  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Jesus only Savior  
 Sanctify forever

**Refrain****Refrain**

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**Message**

“Counting the Cost”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response to the Word (Luke 14, Jer. 18, adapted excerpts from Wesley’s Covenant Service)**

**Worship Leader:** Amazingly, God has given God’s own self to us through the life of Jesus Christ. Let us respond in kind, giving our lives to God and to the world that God has made:

**ALL: Lord, let us be your servants, under your command.**

**We put ourselves fully into your hands.**

**Enable our action. Strengthen our courage.**

**Let us be employed for you, or laid aside for you.**

**Let us be full. Let us be empty. Let us have all things. Let us have nothing.**

**With free and willing hearts, we offer ourselves and our gifts for your pleasure and for your will.**

**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**

**Prayers for God’s People, Church & World**

**Barbara Cook**

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn**

“Let Us Be Bread”

**TFWS 2260**

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.

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## Closing Hymn

“Change My Heart O God”

**TFWS 2152**

## Chorus

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

## Verse

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

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## Benediction

## Postlude

“I Come with Joy (*Dove of Peace*)” setting by Sally Drennan Mossing

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## **Questions for Reflection**

*Where have you seen relationships redefined by faith?  
Who have you come to claim as a family member, against all odds?  
Who do you still label “useless”?  
What would it take for you to see that person as a sister or brother?*

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God of all creation, you made the hands that stirred unthinking at the start of this day.  
As the hours slip by, help me to be more mindful of the good they might do:  
in the greetings they might offer, in the burdens they might bear, in the worry they might soothe.  
Prompt me to keep them open—not clinging to what you have entrusted  
but freely offering, freely receiving, in response to this day’s needs.  
May each small motion be a sign of trust, a reminder that my life is in your hands.*

Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

*God of every beginning, every ending, as I remember the faces I saw this day,  
in moments ordinary and extraordinary—  
as I recall reports of hardship far away—  
help me to recognize family forgotten by my heart, sisters and brothers entrusted to me.  
As I rest this night in your care,  
mend my courage and fire my imagination, that I might be truly useful to you.  
Plant me where you need me, in the name of the Christ. Amen.*

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