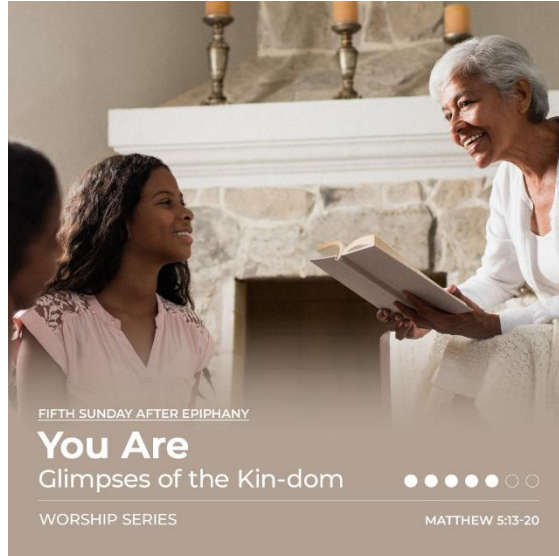


# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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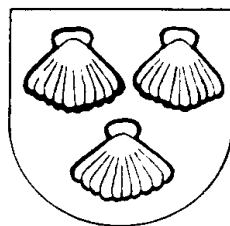
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**9:30 am**  
**“You Are...”**

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

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“The Fount of Every Blessing” arr. John Carter

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### Welcome

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Introit

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

**TFWS 2190**

1. You are salt for the earth, O people,  
salt for the city of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!

#### **Chorus**

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people,  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the kingdom of God!

3. You are a seed of the Word O people,  
Bring forth the City of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

#### **Chorus**

#### **Chorus**

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people,  
bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
love is the kingdom of God!

#### **Chorus**

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### Call to Worship

**Nancy Janson**

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
Jesus proclaims, “You are the light of the world.”

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Call to Confession

ONE: Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

### Prayer of Confession

**Nancy Janson**

**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,  
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.  
We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions.  
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,  
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.  
Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace.**

**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Nancy Janson***

ONE: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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

**Opening Prayer**

***Nancy Janson***

**God of Justice, you call us to shine the light of your abundance into our world.**

**Equip us, we pray, to feed those who hunger for bread and thirst for love.**

**God of Compassion, you call us to shine the light of your grace into our world.**

**Inspire us, we pray, to include the lonely, the marginalized, and the friendless in our circle of fellowship.**

**God of Liberation, you call us to shine the light of your joy into our world.**

**Free us, we pray, from our fears, that we might enter into joyful service and join in your dance as we live in your light!**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Gather Us In"**

***TFWS 2236***

1. Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light-years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the Kingdom now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

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**Time for Children**

***Donna Benson***

**Scripture**

**Matthew 5:13–20 (CEB)**

***Nancy Janson***

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on

top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Hymn** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” **UMH 402**

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| 1. Lord I want to be a Christian<br>In my heart in my heart<br>Lord I want to be a Christian<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>Lord I want to be a Christian<br>In my heart (in my heart) | 2. Lord I want to be more loving<br>In my heart in my heart<br>Lord I want to be more loving<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>Lord I want to be more loving<br>In my heart (in my heart) |
| 3. Lord I want to be more holy<br>In my heart in my heart<br>Lord I want to be more holy<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>Lord I want to be more holy<br>In my heart (in my heart)       | 4. Lord I want to be like Jesus<br>In my heart in my heart<br>Lord I want to be like Jesus<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>In my heart (in my heart)<br>Lord I want to be like Jesus<br>In my heart (in my heart)    |

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**Message** “Glimpses of God’s Kin-dom: You Are...” **Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response to the Word (Isa 58, Matt 5)**

When we share food with the hungry . . .	<b>we are the light of the world!</b>
When we care for those who are homeless . . .	<b>we are the light of the world!</b>
When we offer companionship to the lonely . . .	<b>we are the light of the world!</b>
When we clothe the poor . . .	<b>we are the light of the world!</b>
When we speak up for justice . . .	<b>we are the light of the world!</b>
When we do such things in a weary world . . .	<b>we are the light of the light!</b>

\*Please stand as able

**\*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**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“This Little Light of Mine”

**UMH 585**

1. This little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go,  
I'm gon'a let it shine,  
Everywhere I go,  
I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Everywhere I go,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. All through the night,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
All through the night,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
All through the night,  
I'm goin'a let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“I Come With Joy” setting by Sally Drennan Mosing

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### **Questions for Reflection**

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ in my daily activities?  
If I let my light shine, what will others see in me?  
Will others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God??

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Blessed God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Lord, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways. Give me the mind of Christ that I may see the world rightly and discern the blessings you bestow. Amen.

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