

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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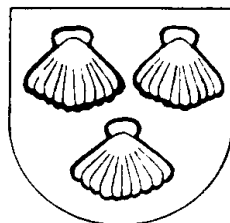
**9:30 am**

**“Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

"Dawn" based on *Italian Hymn* arr. by Franklin D. Ashdown

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### Welcome

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Introit

"Come Out"

1. Come out! Come out of your com-for-ta-ble spac-es.  
Come, meet Je-sus in the dif-fi-cult plac-es.

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### Call to Worship

**Barbara Cook**

*Leader:* When we arrived in this world, we wondered...

**People: ...from where will I get my sustenance and care?**

When we were children, we wondered...

**...who will I become on this adventure called life?**

Change can make us feel awkward and fragile, and we wonder...

**...how can I move through this change with grace?**

When we give ourselves permission to dream big dreams, we wonder...

**...how can I realize that vision?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**"You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again." Amen.**

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

### Opening Hymn

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

**UMH 152**

1. I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And build the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command  
And all the stars obey

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord  
Who filled the earth with food  
Who formed the creatures thru the Word  
And then pronounced them good  
Lord how thy wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky

3. There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that man can be  
Thou God art present there

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**Time for Children**

**Debra Bostron**

**Hymn of Preparation**

“Are Ye Able” (vs. 4)

**UMH 530**

"Are ye able?" Still the Savior  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
“Now, as then, in Galilee.”

Lord, we are able!  
Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold them, make us,  
Like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
above us shall be  
A beacon to God,  
to love, and loyalty.

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**Scripture**

**Matthew 16: 13-20 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> He said, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus replied, “Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. <sup>18</sup> I tell you that you are Peter.<sup>[b]</sup> And I’ll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won’t be able to stand against it. <sup>19</sup> I’ll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

\*Please stand as able

**Anthem**

“Built on a Rock” Russ Borchardt and Stan Pethel

**Chancel Choir**

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**Message**

“Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response to the Word**

Affirmation of Faith

*UMH 888*

**Leader:** This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**People:** Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

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

**Barbara Cook**

**Response:** Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

**Praying With Jesus**

**Nourishing God, in whom is heaven,  
may your name be lifted in the chambers of our hearts.  
May the joy of transformation come,  
may your plans for us be unfurled here on earth  
as it is in the flight of heaven’s glory.  
For the strength we need, feed us.  
For the forgiveness we desire, and need to give, invite us.  
Save us from the temptation  
of all that would keep us from you,  
and deliver us from those things that seek to harm.  
Unwrap your perfect kinship  
of love, power, and glory forever.  
Amen.**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 94**

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**Offering Prayer**

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**\*Closing Hymn**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**UMH 559**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation  
Christ the head and cornerstone  
Chosen of the Lord and precious  
Binding all the Church in one  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And her confidence alone

2. To this temple where we call thee  
Come O Lord of Hosts today  
With thy faithful loving kindness  
Hear thy people as they pray  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always

3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants  
What they ask of Thee to gain  
What they gain from Thee forever  
With the blessed to retain  
And hereafter in Thy glory  
Evermore with Thee to reign

4. Laud and honor to the Father  
Laud and honor to the Son  
Laud and honor to the Spirit  
Ever three and ever one  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies *Trumpet Voluntary*" setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

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**Questions for Reflection**

***Butterfly Fact:*** When butterflies first emerge, their wings are not yet ready to support them in flight. They pump their wings full of fluid from their abdomens, inflating the wings so they become strong and full-size.

**What is the fluid pumping up your wings lately?  
What resources or sources of nourishment do you need to keep growing??**

***Household Prayer: Morning***

*I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen*

***Household Prayer: Evening***

*O God, in whom I live and move and have my being,  
you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer;  
you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone.  
As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ,  
and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. .AMEN.*

\*Please stand as able

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