

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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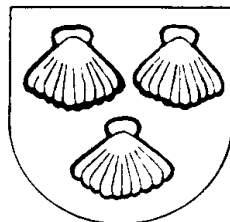


**June 25, 2023**  
**10:00 am**  
**“Go, Tell It”**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Marriottsville, MD

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## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“In the Cross of Christ; Wondrous Love” setting by John Carter

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### Welcome

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

### Gathering Song

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***UMH 334***

#### **Verse 1**

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

#### **Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

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### Call to Worship

***Edie Candee***

People of God, tell it!

**We are not alone! We are children of God!**

People of Christ, tell it!

**The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.**

People of the Spirit, tell it!

**The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.**

People of God, tell it!

**We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.**

### Prayer of Confession

***Edie Candee***

**God of Justice and Mercy, we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment. We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought punishment to ease our pain. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice. Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration. Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your mercy extends to all of us, Your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it. Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

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

### Opening Hymn

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

**UMH 611**

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| 1. Child of blessing child of promise<br>Baptized with the Spirit's sign<br>With this water God has sealed you<br>Unto love and grace divine     | 2. Child of love our love's expression<br>Love's creation loved indeed<br>Fresh from God refresh our spirits<br>Into joy and laughter lead        |
| 3. Child of joy our dearest treasure<br>God's you are from God you came<br>Back to God we humbly give you<br>Live as one who bears Christ's name | 4. Child of God your loving Parent<br>Learn to know whose child you are<br>Grow to laugh and sing and worship<br>Trust and love God more than all |

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### Scripture

**Matthew 10:24-39 (CEB)**

**Eddie Candee**

<sup>24</sup> “Disciples aren’t greater than their teacher, and slaves aren’t greater than their master. <sup>25</sup> It’s enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it’s certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names.

<sup>26</sup> “Therefore, don’t be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed, and nothing secret that won’t be brought out into the open. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. <sup>28</sup> Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but can’t kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. <sup>29</sup> Aren’t two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. <sup>30</sup> Even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> Don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Don’t think that I’ve come to bring peace to the earth. I haven’t come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> I’ve come to turn a man *against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law*. <sup>36</sup> *People’s enemies are members of their own households.*<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> “Those who love father or mother more than me aren’t worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren’t worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Those who don’t pick up their crosses and follow me aren’t worthy of me.

<sup>39</sup> Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

**Hymn**

“There Are Some Things I May Not Know”

**TFWS 2147**

1. There are some things I may not know  
There are some places I can't go  
But I am sure of this one thing  
That God is real  
For I can feel God deep within

**Refrain**

Yes God is real, real in my soul  
Yes God is real  
For God has washed and made me whole  
God's love for me is like pure gold  
Yes God is real for I can feel God in my soul

2. Some folks may doubt some folks may scorn  
All can desert and leave me alone  
But as for me I'll take God's part  
For God is real  
And I can feel God in my heart

3. I cannot tell just how you felt  
When Jesus took your sins away  
But since that day yes since that hour  
God has been real  
For I can feel God's holy power

**Refrain**

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**Message**

“Go, Tell It”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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

**Eddie Candee**

**Response:** God, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Eddie Candee**

**\*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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**Offering Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“The Summons”

**TFWS 2130**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around  
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name!  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

by John Bell, Iona Community of Scotland  
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Lift High the Cross” setting by John Carter

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***Questions for Reflection***

What does the story of Sarah and Hagar (Gen. 21:8–21) say about God?  
 What does the story suggest about how we might treat one another more justly?

***Household Prayer: MORNING***

O God, I praise you as I arise this morning. You are the giver of all life and you provide for what you have made. Be with my spirit this day and teach me to be thankful for all that you offer. Move me to be generous with others, sharing not only goods, but also time, patience, and kindness. You know what will happen today. Guide me so that I do what pleases you. Be near to me and help me to trust your love. I pray for all the world today, for what I do has effects far beyond what I can know or understand. By your Holy Spirit, let me speak peace, let me do peace; let me be peace, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Household Prayer: EVENING***

Creator of heaven and earth, light and darkness, day and night, I thank you for the day just past that you have given me in your mercy.

I pray for your forgiveness for those things I did that were displeasing to you and for those missed opportunities to show my love for you. Let me rest tonight, trusting in the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore my mind and body as I sleep so that when I awake I will have the strength to serve you and your children well. O beloved God, let me rise to a new day giving you thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. Amen.

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