

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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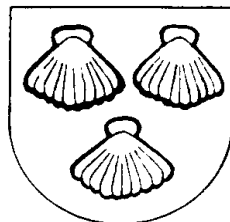
**10:00 am**

**“COME TO THE TABLE: The Table of Hospitality”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## WE GATHER

**Prelude** "Where True Love and Charity Abide" (UBI CARITAS) setting Sally Drennan Mossing

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**Welcome**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Setting the Table**

"Come to the Table"

**W & S 3168**

Come to the table of grace  
Come to the table of grace  
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine  
Come to the table of grace!

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**Taking Our Place, Opening to Others**

**Nancy Everstine**

ONE: We know that there is a place for us at this table.

**ALL: Our hearts are filled with gratitude!**

We notice that there is a place for those not like us.

**We come ready to open our hearts beyond their current size.**

We humbly take our seat.

**We look into each face and know the presence of Jesus!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Come, Share the Lord"

**TFWS 2269**

1. We gather here in Jesus' name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

2. No one is a stranger here  
Everyone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs

3. He joins us here he breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

4. We are now a family  
Of which the Lord is head  
Though unseen he meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread

5. We'll gather soon where angels sing  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

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\*Please stand as able

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

Let us STAND in body or spirit and Welcome one another in friendship and peace. AND pass a “wave” of peace to the people worshiping at home!

## WE PROCLAIM

**Preparation to Hear God’s Word** “As We Gather at Your Table” (vs. 1)

**TFWS 2268**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story 'til we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love’s victory known.

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**Scripture**

**Romans 12: 9-21 (CEB)  
Matthew 16: 24-25 (CEB)**

**Nancy Everstine**

**The Word in Music**

“Come to the Table” (Sidewalk Prophets)

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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**Message**

“The Table of Hospitality”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## WE RESPOND

**Prayer Song**

“At This Table” (sung 1<sup>st</sup> by Antuan, then congregation joins in)

At this table we lift our voices in prayer  
At this table we seek your peace  
At this table we know you have drawn near  
At this table we find release

**Prayer of the People, Church & World**

**Nancy Everstine**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Nancy Everstine**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

“Be Present at Our Table Lord”

**UMH 621**

Be present at our table, Lord,  
be here and everywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in fellowship with thee.

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\*Please stand as able

## Offering Prayer

## Holy Communion

### \*Closing Hymn

“Go Forth for God”

**UMH 670**

1. Go forth for God  
Go to the world in peace  
Be of good courage  
Armed with heavenly grace  
In God's good Spirit  
Daily to increase  
Till in the kingdom  
We see face to face  
Go forth for God  
Go to the world in peace

2. Go forth for God  
Go to the world in love  
Strengthen the faint  
Give courage to the weak  
Help the afflicted  
Richly from above  
God's love supplies  
The grace and power we seek  
Go forth for God  
Go to the world in love

3. Go forth for God  
Go to the world in strength  
Hold fast the good  
Be urgent for the right  
Render to no one evil  
Christ at length shall overcome  
All darkness with His light  
Go forth for God  
Go to the world in strength

4. Go forth for God  
Go to the world in joy  
To serve God's people  
Every day and every hour  
And serving Christ  
Our every gift employ  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power  
Go forth with God  
Go to the world in joy

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## Benediction

### Postlude

“As One” Sally Drennan Mossing

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## **Food for Thought**

### **Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28**

*How do you personally receive the idea that people who commit great acts of evil are loved by God and worthy of grace?*

*Does that belief make sense to you? Why or why not?*

*Sometimes we suffer betrayals and cruelty without the hope of receiving justice.  
What does the process of healing look like when there is no possibility for restoration?  
What does it mean to you to "not be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good"?*

*The Table of Hospitality requires much of us.*

*It demands that we question our own boundaries of "who is in" and "who is out."  
It asks us to accept that the Spirit may move in surprising ways, through surprising people,  
and we might just miss out on the beauty and fullness of life  
if we insist on limiting invitations to the feast.*

### **Household Prayer: MORNING**

God of hospitality, today help us to live peaceably with all.  
Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
and to love you, O God, with our whole heart, mind, and strength.  
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: EVENING**

Holy God, because you have been with us this day, we have stood on holy ground. Thank you. We know that you will remain with us through this night. Thank you. We know that you will be with us again tomorrow. Thank you. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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