

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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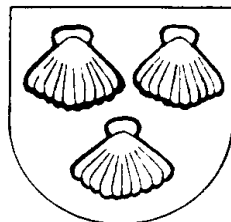
**9:30 am**

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

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD

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## WE GATHER

### Prelude

“Mediation on a Folk Song” arr. by Joseph M. Martin

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### Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Setting the Table

“Come to the Table”

*W & S 3168*

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

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### Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

*Mary Anne Espenshade*

We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.  
**We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.**  
Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding.  
**We are standing on common ground.**  
We take our seat at the Table of Peace.  
**We know that God is already here!**

### \*Opening Hymn

“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

*TFWS 2171*

1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

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

Let us STAND in body or spirit and receive our siblings with love. Welcome one another with friendship and peace. AND pass a “wave” of peace to the people worshipping at home!\

### Children’s Moment

*Jelinda Blum and Edie Candee*

## 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 14: 1-12**  
**Matthew 18: 21-35**

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

**The Word in Music**

"The Gift of Love"

**UMH 408**

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire  
And have the gift to all inspire  
And have not love my words are vain  
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

2. Though I may give all I possess  
And striving so my love profess  
But not be given by love within  
The profit soon turns strangely thin

3. Come Spirit come our hearts control  
Our spirits long to be made whole  
Let inward love guide every deed  
By this we worship and are freed

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**Message**

"The Table of Peace"

**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**

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

**Response:** Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Mary Anne Espenshade**

## 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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## Offering Prayer

### \*Closing Hymn

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

**TFWS 2145**

1. I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3. I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

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## Benediction

### Postlude

Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead" by Joseph M. Martin

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## ***Food for Thought***

***Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35***

Forgiveness is a hard thing.

When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness?

*How easy or difficult do you find it to get along with people who do not share your beliefs or values (political, religious, moral, etc.)?*

*How do you navigate relationships amidst serious differences?*

*There's a saying that all people are welcome at God's table, but all behaviors are not.  
What boundaries are necessary to put in place while being welcoming and inclusive?  
What beliefs, values, or sources inform these boundaries?*

*This Table of Peace requires much of us.  
It asks us to listen to others when we are bursting with words of our own.  
It asks us to speak with courage and grace when perhaps we would rather stay silent.  
It asks us to be patient when we are raring to go!  
It asks us to save a seat for people whose opinions differ from ours, and to treat everyone with kindness and  
dignity, because we need each other — all of us — to survive..*

**Household Prayer: MORNING**

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Household Prayer: EVENING**

Merciful God, thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day. Keep my family and me through the night. I thank and praise you! In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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