# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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September 17, 2023 9:30 am "COME TO THE TABLE: The Table of Love"

# **ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## **Saint James United Methodist Church**

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#### **WE GATHER**

Prelude "Larghetto" G. F. Handel transcribed by Wilber Held Offered by Clarice Snyder

"Blest be the Tie That Binds" setting by Wilber Held

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Welcome Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit "In Christ There Is No East or West" Handbell Choir

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## Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

Barbara Cook

We come to this table not only for food, but for friendship and family.

We are here not only to eat, but to serve.

We prepare our meal of bread and fruit of the vine with compassion.

We invite everyone to join in the feast.

We are all part of one human family.

We are united in love.

\*Opening Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

**UMH 402** 

1. Lord I want to be a Christian

In my heart in my heart

Lord I want to be a Christian

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

Lord I want to be a Christian

In my heart (in my heart)

3. Lord I want to be more holy

In my heart in my heart

Lord I want to be more holy

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

Lord I want to be more holy

In my heart (in my heart)

2. Lord I want to be more loving

In my heart in my heart

Lord I want to be more loving

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

Lord I want to be more loving

In my heart (in my heart)

4. Lord I want to be like Jesus

In my heart in my heart

Lord I want to be like Jesus

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

In my heart (in my heart)

Lord I want to be like Jesus

In my heart (in my heart)

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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 worshiping at home!

**Setting the Table** 

"Come to the Table"

W & S 3168

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

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Children's Moment

**Anthem** 

#### Jelinda Blum and Donna Benson

#### **WE PROCLAIM**

Romans 13: 8-14 and Matthew 18: 15-20 Scripture

Barbara Cook

Handbell Choir

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

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"The Table of Love" Message

Rev. Patricia Abell

#### **WE RESPOND**

**Prayer Song** "At This Table" (sung 1st 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

Barbara Cook

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer Barbara Cook

Offering

Handbell Choir Offertory "The Lord's Praver"

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\*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 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" **TFWS 2223** 

1. We are one in the Spirit

Refrain

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

2. We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

3. We will work with each other

We will work side by side We will work with each other We will work side by side

And we'll guard human dignity

And save human pride

4. All praise to the Father From whom all things come And all praise to Christ Jesus God's only Son And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one

Refrain

CCLI Song # 26997 Peter Scholtes

#### Benediction

### **Postlude**

### "Exultation" G. Winston Cassler

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## Food for Thought on Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18: 15-20

What do you think of Jesus' model of repentance and forgiveness?

What does it mean to offer "God's forgiving love" when we've reached the end of the road with someone and still can't find a resolution?

What role do our social institutions (churches or otherwise) play in helping establish restorative justice in cases of wrongdoing?

When our institutions fail us, how do you think Jesus would have us respond? *This Table of Love requires much of us.* 

It insists that we love one another as we love ourselves, and that we love ourselves as we love others.

Love asks that we raise one another up by saying, "Yes, you are worthy! You are welcome at this table."

When we surrender to the mysterious ways of love, we may be surprised to find just how much there is to go around.

### Household Prayer: MORNING

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen. Amen.

### Household Prayer: EVENING

God, forgive the sins I have this day committed and banish from my heart any self-righteousness that would withhold forgiveness of others. For you alone are the judge of human hearts, and your mercy is boundless.

Amen.

#### RESOURCES:

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