

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

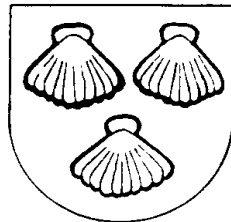
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**October 22, 2023**  
**9:30 am**  
**“The Things That Are God’s”**  
**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## WE GATHER

**Prelude** "On Eagle's Wings" setting by Sally Drennan Mossing **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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**Welcome** **Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Gathering Song** "Sanctuary" **TFWS 2164**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you

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**Call to Worship** **Antuan Hairston**

Come, Holy God, draw near.  
**We long to see you.**  
Come, God of justice, be present today.  
**We need your grace in our world.**  
Come in this hour.  
**Show us your love.**

**Opening Prayer** **Antuan Hairston**

Holy God, we long to sense your presence and be assured that you have drawn near.  
Awaken us with your love and grace and show us the joy of possibilities for our lives.  
Assure us that we are not alone and that you walk with us always.  
For this we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen

**Prayer of Confession** **Antuan Hairston**

God of grace, though you are always present, you often feel distant.  
Our minds seek to limit your reality to things we can understand.  
Expand our imaginations, that we may see your kindness and grace at work in the world around us.  
When our work becomes a burden and our struggles seem pointless, save us from despair.  
Remind us to ground ourselves in faith and to reach out with hope and love,  
as we seek to live peacefully & joyfully in your ways. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** **People: Thanks be to God!**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Abba Father" **Praise Team**

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**Children's Moment** **Rev. Patricia Abell**

\*Please stand as able

**Scripture**

**1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (CEB)  
Matthew 22: 15-22 (CEB)**

**Antuan Hairston**

**Anthem**

**“You Say”**

**Praise Team**

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**Message**

**“The Things That Are God’s”**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

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

**Antuan Hairston**

Lord God, with gratitude for all your goodness, we come to you in prayer—  
for our family and friends, for our sisters and brothers in faith, and for the world of nations you have made.

Remember those who are dear to us.

**Wrap your steadfast love around them,  
sustain them in times of trouble, and keep them always in your care.**

Remember the church of Jesus Christ.

**Empower us to proclaim the gospel,  
strengthen us in our conviction, and make us imitators of the Lord.**

Remember the family of nations.

**Send out your Spirit to renew the earth,  
welcome all people into your house, and let your love be known in all the world. Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**UMH 94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God All creatures here below

Alleluia alleluia

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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**Offering Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**“Awesome God” TFWS 2040**

**Praise Team**

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom pow'r and love

Our God is an awesome God

\*Please stand as able

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“New Beginnings” by Sally Drennan Mossing

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***Food for Thought***

***Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22***

This week, set aside some time to take inventory of your life.  
Consider your spiritual gifts. How do you use them in the service of God and others?  
Consider your material goods. How do you make use of these possessions?

***Household Prayer: MORNING***

Lord God, giver of light and darkness, from the rising of the sun to its setting you have called me by name;  
there is no God besides you.

Go before me and guide me this day; bless and keep me forever. Amen.

***Household Prayer: EVENING***

Lord God, giver of darkness and light, from the setting of the sun to its rising you have called me by name;  
there is no God besides you.

Stay with me and guard me this night; bless and keep me forever. Amen.

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