

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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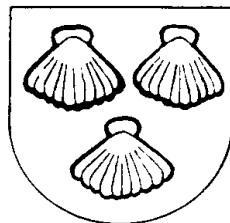


**October 8, 2023**  
**9:30 am**  
**“Fruit of Discipleship”**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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## WE GATHER

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**Welcome** *Rev. Patricia Abell*

**Gathering Song** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" *TFWS 2157*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!  
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**Call to Worship** *Mary Anne Espenshade*

Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.  
**May our minds perceive God's word,**  
even as our hearts receive God's love.  
**May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.**

### **Prayer of Confession (Psalm 19, Philippians 3, Matthew 21)**

God of grace and God of glory, bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love.  
When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys, guide us back to your ways. When we strive for our own righteousness, remind us that your righteousness is all we need. When we reject your teaching, or, even worse, reject your presence, love us and correct our ways.  
Forgive us and welcome us home into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Passing the Peace**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

*UMH 546*

1. The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ our Lord  
We are His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heaven He came and sought us  
That we might ever be  
His living servant people  
By His own death set free

2. Called forth from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Our charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name professing  
And at one table fed  
To one hope always pressing  
By Christ's own Spirit led

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees us oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
But soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

4. Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of our war  
We wait the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Our longing eyes are blest  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest

5. We now on earth have union  
With God the Three in One  
And share through faith communion  
With those whose rest is won  
Oh happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

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**Children’s Moment**

***Eddie Candee***

**Scripture**

**Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Matthew 21: 33-46** ***Mary Anne Espenshade***

**Anthem**

**“Built on the Rock”**

***Chancel Choir***

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**Message**

**“Fruit of Discipleship”**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

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

***Mary Anne Espenshade***

***Response:*** Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

**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**

**“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

***UMH 559***

1. Christ is made the sure foundation  
Christ the head and cornerstone  
Chosen of the Lord and precious  
Binding all the Church in one  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And her confidence alone

2. To this temple where we call thee  
Come O Lord of Hosts today  
With thy faithful loving kindness  
Hear thy people as they pray  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always

3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants  
What they ask of Thee to gain  
What they gain from Thee forever  
With the blessed to retain  
And hereafter in Thy glory  
Evermore with Thee to reign

4. Laud and honor to the Father  
Laud and honor to the Son  
Laud and honor to the Spirit  
Ever three and ever one  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run

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### **Benediction**

You are the light of the world!

**We will shine with love as the stars shine with glory.**

You are the light of the world!

**We will reveal God's brilliance in word and deed.**

As we move forward to what lies ahead,

**we will press on toward the goal of love.**

Go, shining bright, +... to share faith offer prayer and gather hope. Amen.

### **Postlude**

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### **Food for Thought**

**Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46**

What has been holding you captive? What would you lose if you claimed Sabbath rest?

What would you gain?

Study the parable of the Landowner and the Vineyard.

What are the "fruits of the kingdom" to which Jesus alludes in Matthew 21:43?

How does your life bear fruit for God's realm?

What do you contribute to the harvest of God that Jesus describes?

### **Household Prayer: MORNING**

God of hosts, at the dawning of this day, let your face shine upon me.

Restore me, and be my salvation; through Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: EVENING**

Christ Jesus my Lord, as you have lived with me this day, let me rest with you this night; and when this life has ended, let me live with you forever. Amen.

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