

SJUMC Online Worship Guide

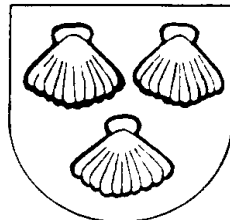
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November 19, 2023
9:30 am
“Live in Gratitude”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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WE GATHER

Prelude Chorale and Variations on "O God, Thou Faithful God" J. S. Bach *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome

Donna Benson, CLS

Gathering Song

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Handbell Choir

Geistliche Kirchengesang

Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

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Call to Worship

Antuan Hairston

LEADER: How good it is to give thanks to God.

PEOPLE: How great are God's works!

LEADER: It is good to give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

ALL: Let us, then, give thanks to God.

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

Opening Prayer

Antuan Hairston

Lord of All Creation, with Thanksgiving close upon us, we're reminded again of the gifts You have given us by Your grace and mercy: family, a place to call home and people to call friends. You give us life itself ... as well as Eternal Life in Your Son Jesus; filling our days with labor and hope, and our nights with rest and protection. With grateful hearts, we thank you. Amen

Prayer of Yearning

Antuan Hairston

Gracious God, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to share Your gifts with the people around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. We assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

Words of Assurance

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

"Gather Us In"

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1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven lightyears away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the Kingdom now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

Marty Haugen
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Children's Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Psalm 100, Philippians 4: 1-4 (CEB)

Antuan Hairston

Anthem

"This Is My Father's World"

Handbell Choir

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930 adapt. arr. Ron Mallory (ASCAP)
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Message

"Live in Gratitude"

Donna Benson, CLS

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Antuan Hairston

Response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Offering

Offertory

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Handbell Choir

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*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

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH 413

1. A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify
A never dying soul to save
And fit it for the sky

2. To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will

*Please stand as able

3. Arm me with jealous care
As in Thy sight to live
And O Thy servant Lord prepare
A strict account to give

4. Help me to watch and pray
And on thyself rely
Assured if I my trust betray
I shall forever die

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Benediction

Donna Benson

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

How would it change you to sincerely thank God for each challenge you face this week?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise.
Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today,
and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day.
Where I failed to do your will, forgive me.
Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die,
welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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