

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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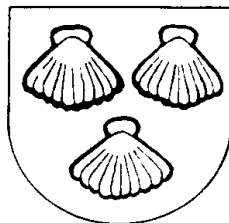


**April 14, 2024**  
**9:30 am**  
**“Released”**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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**The Key to Peace**

**Nancy Janson**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know release.  
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 **Proclaiming Release** 

"Halle, Halle"

**TFWS 2026**

Halle, halle, halle-luya!  
Halle, halle, halle-luya!  
Halle, halle, halle-luya!  
Halle-luya, halle-luya!

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**Children's Time**

**New Life Happens**

**Donna Benson**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 121**

**Nancy Janson**

**Anthem**

**"My Redeemer Lives!"**

**Antuan Hairston**

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**Scripture**

**Nehemiah 9: 9-15**

**Nancy Janson**

**Message**

**"Released"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

 **Responding to Release** 

**Prayer for God's People, Church, & World**  
**Lord's Prayer**

**Nancy Janson**

**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**

\*Please stand as able

🔑 **Unlocking Release** 🔑

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance”

**UMH 369**

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

**REFRAIN.** This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

2. Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

3. Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with his goodness lost in his love

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

“I Love to Tell the Story”  
**The Savior of our stories has brought his peace to you;  
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.  
To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;  
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**Postlude**

“The Strife is O'er” Wilbur Held

**Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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### Questions for Reflection

It all happened on Sunday. It was on “the first day of the week” (John 20:19)—the same day Jesus rose from the dead (John 20:1)—when the risen Lord appeared to a group of disciples in a locked house and offered them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then, one week later (John 20:26), Jesus came again to the disciples (still shut inside the house), this time allowing Thomas to see and touch his hands and side. Think about the place where you gather for worship on Sunday. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Spirit? (If not, does the Spirit still move? Does Jesus show up anyway?) Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

### Household Prayer: Morning

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day.  
By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light  
and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day.  
Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace  
so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.

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