

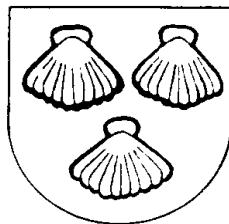
SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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July 14, 2024
10:00 am
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude

"Air" (from Water Music Suite) George Frederick Handel

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1)

UMH 139

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

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Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

One: Today and every day, creation greets the dawn with worship.

All: Let us join with creation and greet the day with worship!

One: Birds and buzzing insects sing songs of joy to our great Creator.

All: Let us join with birds and insects, singing songs of joy to our great Creator!

One: Trees and plants stretch their leaves toward the light of day, ready to receive energy and life.

All: Let us stretch our hearts and hands in worship, ready to receive blessing and share love!

One: The mountains, valleys, oceans, and deserts proclaim the glory of our God.

All: We cannot be silent—let us worship the One who made us all!

Opening Prayer

Barbara Cook

Creator God, you created a world of beauty and wonder. We see your majestic plan for life all around us: in rainstorms and rainbows, new babies and older adults, reptiles and mammals, minerals and plants. What a diverse and fascinating home you have made for us! We gather to celebrate you and all your generous gifts, to remember our responsibility to care for our planet, and to dedicate ourselves to the way of love and justice. May the good news of new life shine as brightly in our hearts as light shines in the skies above us. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Barbara Cook

Creator God, you made wolves to howl, snakes to slither, penguins to dive, and people to love.

But we do not always do what we were made to do. We do not always love one another.

You give us empathy to feel suffering, but at times, we turn away and ignore each other.

You give us language to share words of encouragement, but sometimes we speak unkindly when we are angry. You provide enough resources for everyone, but we store up food, land, and things for ourselves. Forgive us for the times we do not show love, and call us back to who you made us to be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Barbara Cook

ONE: In the name of Jesus you are forgiven.
ALL: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

Barbara Cook

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***Opening Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH 139

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O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration</p> <p>3. Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee</p> | <p>2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
So wondrously reigning
Bears thee on eagle's wings
E'er in his keeping maintaining
God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds
Hast thou not known his sustaining</p> <p>4. Praise to the Lord who doth nourish
Thy life and restore thee
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee</p> |
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5. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for ever adore Him

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Scripture

Psalm 104 (UMH 826)

Barbara Cook

Anthem

“He’s Got the Whole World”

Antuan Hairston, vocalist

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Message

“Let’s Praise the Lord”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Patricia Abell

One: Children of the Creator, friends of Jesus, and followers of the Way, come, let us affirm our understanding of every living thing’s needs.

All: Though creation is limited, and bound by space and time, we believe in a limitless, boundless God who knows our unique needs and cares for all.

One: We believe God calls all dwelling places good, from caves to coral, barns to bayous, apartments to aquifers.

All: Every living thing needs shelter. Shelter protects life!

One: We believe God causes the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cherish, to bring forth food from the earth.

All: Every living thing needs food. Food energizes life!

One: We believe God designed all life on earth to exist in precisely balanced cycles of precipitation and evaporation, growth and decay, death and resurrection.

All: Every living thing needs water. Water hydrates life!

One: We believe God's breath hovered over the face of deep chaos. God created light, darkness, land, and life as they breathed out the words, "Let there be..."

All: Every living thing needs air. Air sustains life!

One: We believe in God's holy community, the Trinity, three in one. We believe God designed us as cohabitants of this exquisite garden, for cooperation not conquest, for sustainability not selfishness.

All: Every living thing needs community. Community produces life!

All: We believe in the magnificent design of Earth's evolving resilience. May we honor and follow the example of creation.

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Barbara Cook

Lord's Prayer

Barbara Cook

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**

"He Is Exalted"

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He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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*Please stand as able

Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“This is My Father's World” setting by Lee Dengler

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Questions for Reflection

To experience one's self as God's beloved is a gift beyond compare. For some, it is difficult to receive such a gift; for others, such grace comes more easily. How can we deepen our experience of that gift in ourselves?
How might we encourage this gift in others?

Household Prayer: Morning

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens or the deep silence before dawn,
I awake to your presence, most gracious God.
Enable me to trust completely in you as I meet the challenges of this new day.
Make me watchful for your grace at work; may all I do be a testament to your glory.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I give myself over to sleep, dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of rest.
Let me relinquish the cares of the day.
Forgive the ways I have failed you.
Restore me to you and renew my faithfulness,
that I may awake to serve you more,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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