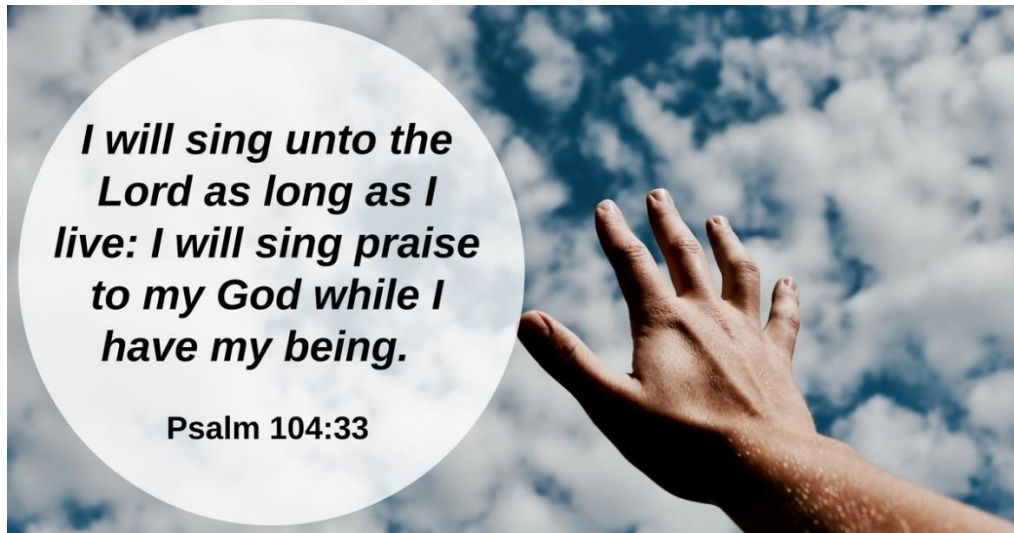


# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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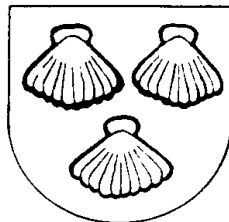
**August 11, 2024**

**10:00 am**

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Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude**

"Many and Great are the Works of the Lord" David Schelat

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**Welcome**

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

**Gathering Song**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 4)

***UMH 139***

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

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**Call to Worship**

***Barbara Cook***

One: Let everything that has breath praise our loving God!

**All: Let us breathe in with all creation and breathe out the good news of redemption.**

One: From our first breath to our last, the Holy Spirit is within us, awakening us each day to God's lovingkindness and mercy.

**All: Let us breathe in mercy and breathe out grace, for God's gift of life is available to all.**

One: The Spirit moves like the wind in our lives. We cannot see it, but we know its power.

**All: Let us breathe in the faithful promises of an invisible God and exhale any hopelessness or shame.**

One: Come and worship the One who will never leave nor forsake us.

**All: Let us worship the One in whom we live, move, and have our being. Hallelujah!**

**Opening Prayer**

***Barbara Cook***

**Holy Spirit, we woke up this morning with air in our lungs,  
and for this gift alone, we thank you.**

**Each day is a new opportunity to discover more of you in this beautiful world.**

**And although we find you all around us in nature and each other,  
we also find you when we sing and worship in community.**

**We gather here, not because we cannot find you alone,  
but because when we join our voices together,  
we experience the kin-dom of heaven on earth.**

**So, may our singing join with the choirs of angels  
to praise you with our breath and glorify you in our hearts. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

***Barbara Cook***

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

**Verse 1**

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

**Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

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**Scripture**

**Psalm 104: 29-33 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

**Anthem**

“Christ Is Risen”

**Barbara Cook, Vocalist**

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**Message**

“Air Sustains Life”

**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**

**Response: May your Spirit lead us to change and healing.**

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

"Wind, Wind"

**Chorus**

Wind wind blow on me  
Wind wind set me free  
Wind wind my Father sent  
The blessed Holy Spirit

1. Jesus told us all about You  
How we could not live without You  
With His blood the power brought  
To help us live the life He taught

**Chorus**

2. When we're weary You console us  
When we're lonely You enfold us  
When in danger You uphold us  
Blessed Holy Spirit

**Chorus**

3. When unto the church You came  
It was not Your own but Jesus name  
Jesus Christ is still the same  
He sends the Holy Spirit

**Chorus**

4. Set us free to love each other  
Set us free to live for others  
That the world the Son might see  
And Jesus' name exalted be

**Chorus**

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Arr. by John Purifoy

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### Questions for Reflection

What do you hunger for in life? Do you hunger only for things you truly need, or do you hunger for things you want but which may not be good for you or for those around you?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God,

as I break the fast of evening rest give me an appetite for your good gifts.

Let my hunger be satisfied

with the nourishing bread of life you offer in Jesus Christ,  
that I may receive strength for the journey this day holds. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, you are the bread that has sustained me.

Let me rest in peace,

trusting that the grace you have given me for this day  
will be renewed like manna in the wilderness,  
nourishment for the challenge of tomorrow  
and confirmation of the promise of eternal life. Amen.

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