

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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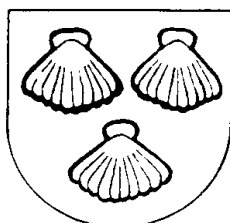
**10:00**

**“En-Couraged”**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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## Gathering

**Prelude** "Like a River Glorious" arr. by Greg Howlett *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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**Welcome** *Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

**All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.**

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

**All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.**

**Gathering Song** "Change My Heart, O God" *TFWS 2152*

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;  
Change my heart O God, may I be like you.

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**Call to Worship** *Jan Petrosch*

ONE: Praise be to the Lord!

**ALL: The One in whom we trust**

Call out to Jesus in all times and seasons

**The One who is worthy to be praised**

**Opening Prayer** *Jan Petrosch*

**Encouraging God,  
we hear your invitation into the future  
and we look to you for courage.  
Open us to know your presence as we  
embark together on new adventures.  
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits  
for ongoing discovery.  
Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" *UMH 451*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-  
Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963  
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## Passing of the Peace

*Jan Petrosch*

### Proclaiming

#### Scripture

**Matthew 14: 22-31a (The Message)**

*Jan Petrosch*

#### Word in Music

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

**UMH 601**

#### Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
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And a light unto my path

1. When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

#### Chorus

2. I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side

#### Chorus

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#### Message

"En-Couraged"

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Response

#### Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

*Jan Petrosch*

#### \*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
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

**UMH 94**

## Offering Prayer

## Going Forth

### \*Closing Hymn

“Victory In Jesus”

**UMH 370**

1. I heard an old old story  
How a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory

#### **Refrain**

O victory in Jesus my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

2. I heard about His healing  
Of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see  
And then I cried dear Jesus  
Come and heal my broken spirit  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
To me the victory

#### **Refrain**

3. I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory

#### **Refrain**

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Eugene M. Bartlett

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## Benediction

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## Postlude

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### **Question for Reflection**

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious God, we thank you for the peace of good sleep and for keeping us safe throughout the night.  
Let this new day be a time of praise and joy as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers.  
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Merciful Lord, as night comes to this house, we thank you for the challenges and accomplishments of this day.  
Give our hearts and minds the comfort now to rest in your care,  
trusting that whatever tomorrow brings, your hand will be ready to catch us if we fall. Amen.

### **RESOURCES:**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

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