

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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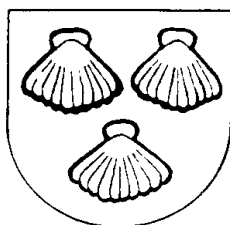
**Traveling With Jesus**

**“Lessons On the Way: Be Alert, Be Ready”**

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## Gathering

### Prelude

"How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place" Brahms Arr. by Lani Smith

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### Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Gathering Song

"Bless His Holy Name"  
Bless the Lord O my soul  
And all that is within me  
Bless His holy name  
He has done great things  
He has done great things  
He has done great things  
Bless His holy name

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### Call to Worship

*Jan Petrosch*

ONE: From the rising to the setting sun,

**ALL: God summons us.**

In the perfect beauty all around us,

**God brightens our hearts.**

When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

**God is pleased to give us the kingdom.**

Come! Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

### Opening Prayer

*Jan Petrosch*

**Mighty God, dress us for action, for the world is in need of our care. Turn us from our selfish ways and help us share the fat of this good land. For when we refuse and rebel, we reap what we have sown. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. Heal us this day, and may it be your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Open Our Eyes"  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus

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## Passing of the Peace

### Proclaiming

#### Scripture

**Luke 12: 32-40 (NRSVue)**

**Jan Petrosh**

#### Word in Music

**"I Want to Be Ready"**

**Kelli Young, Soloist**

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#### Message

**"Be Alert, Be Ready"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Response

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

**Jan Petrosh**

#### \*Doxology

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**UMH 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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#### Offering Prayer

### Going Forth

#### \*Closing Hymn

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**UMH 133**

1. What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

#### **Refrain**

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Leaning (leaning on Jesus) leaning (leaning on Jesus)  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning (leaning on Jesus) leaning (leaning on Jesus)  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
3. What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

#### **Refrain**

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#### Benediction

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

\*Please stand as able

ONE: People get ready.

**ALL: We are dressed for love.**

People get ready.

**We are dressed for service.**

People get ready.

**We are dressed to shine Christ's light.**

+++Let us go in peace to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

## 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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