

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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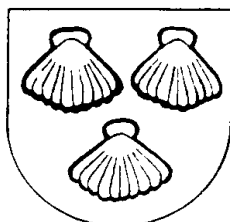
**Traveling With Jesus**

**"Lessons On the Way: Be Seated and Caring"**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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## Gathering

### Prelude

"Solemn Melody" John S. Dixon

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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

*Barbara Cook*

ONE: Sing in exaltation, people of God.

**ALL: The Lord fills us with good things.**

Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.

**God feeds us with finest wheat.**

God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.

**The Lord sustains us with living water.**

### Opening Prayer

*Barbara Cook*

**Help us show hospitality to strangers, Merciful One, for many have entertained angels unaware while doing so. Move us to treat one another as we would have others treat us, lest we find ourselves tortured or imprisoned with no one to come to our aid. May we always seek to do good and share from our abundance, for these things are pleasing in your sight. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*UMH 526*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

2. Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

3. Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

## Passing of the Peace

### Proclaiming

#### Scripture

**Jeremiah 2: 4-13 (NRSVue)**  
**Luke 14:1,7-14 (NRSVue)**

**Barbara Cook**

#### Word in Music

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Who shall I send?

“Here I Am, Lord”

**UMH 593**

#### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They run away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

#### **Refrain**

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#### Message

“Be Seated and Caring”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Response

#### Prayer for People, Church & World

**Edie Candee**

**Response:** God of mercy, hear our prayer.

#### Lord's Prayer

#### \*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
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

**UMH 95**

## Offering Prayer

## Going Forth

### \*Closing Hymn

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

#### **Refrain**

He said, Freely, freely you have received  
Freely freely give  
Go in my name and because you believe  
Others will know that I live

2. All power is given in Jesus' name  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to

#### **Refrain**

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### Benediction

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

### Postlude

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### Question for Reflection

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility? How can you seek out the stranger in your community?  
When have you realized that you were doing God's work, only after the fact?

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

God, in the freshness of the new day, help us to retain clarity of vision  
so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom rather than the honor of the world.  
Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return filled by the grace of your spirit Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

God of compassion, help us to release the regrets of the day into your care.  
Refresh us in our sleep, that we may rise in the morning  
confident in your love and strengthened in our faith. Amen.

### RESOURCES:

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

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