

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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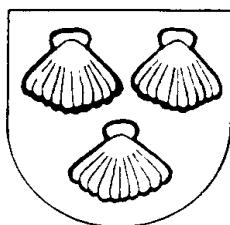
**9:30 am**

**Creation at Risk**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## Gathering

### Prelude

"But the Lord is Mindful", "Andante Tranquillo" by Felix Mendelssohn  
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### Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Introit

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*Handbell Choir*

Joseph Parry, Arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson  
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### Call to Worship

*Jan Petrosch*

ONE: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**ALL: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

### Creation Prayer of the Day

*Jan Petrosch*

Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Call to Confession

*Jan Petrosch*

#### Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

### Passing of the Peace

*Jan Petrosch*

One: In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

**ALL: We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.**

One: Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you.

**ALL: People And also with you.**

One: You are invited to share peace with your neighbor, and with those worshipping beyond the walls.

### \*Opening Hymn

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

*UMH 206*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

#### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

**Refrain**

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

**Refrain**

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## Proclaiming

**Children's Message**

**Edie Candee**

**Scripture**

**Jeremiah 8:19- 9:1 (NRSVue)  
Luke 16: 1-13 (NRSVue)**

**Jan Petrosh**

**Word in Music**

**"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

**Handbell Choir**

Arr. by Bill Ingram

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**Message**

**"Creation at Risk"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## Responding

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

**Jan Petrosh**

**Offertory**

**"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

**Handbell Choir**

H. Percy Smith, arranged by Kevin McChesney

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**\*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. Amen.

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**Offering Prayer**

## Going Forth

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

**UMH 430**

1. O Master let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free  
Tell me Thy secret help me bear  
The strain of toil the fret of care

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear winning word of love  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay  
And guide them in the homeward way

3. Teach me Thy patience still with Thee  
In closer dearer company  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong  
In trust that triumphs over wrong

4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way  
In peace that only thou canst give  
With thee O Master let me live

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## **Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## **Postlude**

"Carillon on Abide with Me" Wilbur Held

**Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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### **Questions for Reflection**

How do we, individually and corporately, embody both lament for the world and the hope that is in Christ?

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

In this moment of stillness before I dress in the claims of the day,  
let me stand bare before you with questions unanswered. . . .  
Fill the silence with your nearness,  
that I may hear you speak your word and live this day for you. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Source of my life, this day I was not promised now is ending.  
I thank you for the grace it was, noticed and unnoticed.  
I lay before you all that I saw. [*Let your day replay in memory.*]  
I trust to you all that I failed to see. [*Let God bring to mind whatever God might.*]  
In the gift of the gathering darkness brood over your creation again,  
and restore your image in me, that I might bear both your grief and your joy in the world;  
for I pray in the name of Jesus, whose service was love. Amen

## **RESOURCES:**

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