

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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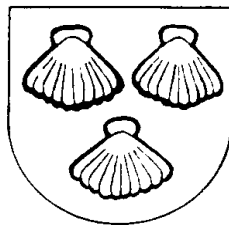
**February 22, 2026**  
**9:30 am**  
**“The Wandering Way”**  
**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## Gathering

**Prelude** "Lamb of God Most Holy" *Offered by Erik Matson*  
Composer: Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Welcome** *Rev. Patricia Abell*

**Song of Preparation** "A Wilderness Wandering People"

We are a wilderness wandering people  
on a journey of the soul.  
May we find our destination  
in our longing to be whole.  
Our Holy God is calling to us.  
With Jesus by our side  
may compassion be our compass;  
may the Spirit be our guide,  
on The Way, on The Way, on The Way.

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**Prayer for the Path** *Jan Petrosch*

**God of the Pilgrimage, be with us on The Way.  
At times, we don't know if we are on the path you would have us travel.  
How do we know the direction for our lives?  
We come seeking your guidance, as Jesus showed us to do.  
Help us to be at home even in our wanderings,  
knowing that you are ever with us.  
Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Be Still, My Soul" *UMH 534*

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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**Passing of the Peace**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Children's Message**

**Proclaiming**

*Edie Candee*

**Scripture**

**Psalm 1: 1-6  
Luke 3: 21; Luke 4: 1-13**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Word in Music**

**"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"**  
American Folk Hymn  
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*Chancel Choir*

**Message**

**"The Wandering Way"**

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

**Prayer and Contemplation**

**Responding**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*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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**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

*UMH 269*

1. Lord who throughout these forty days  
For us didst fast and pray  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins  
And close by thee to stay

2. As thou with Satan didst contend  
And didst the victory win  
O give us strength in thee to fight  
In thee to conquer sin

3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst  
So teach us gracious Lord  
To die to self and chiefly live  
By thy most holy word

4. And through these days of penitence  
And through thy passiontide  
Yea evermore in life and death  
Jesus with us abide

5. Abide with us that so this life  
Of suffering over past  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last

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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response: "We will follow on The Way."**

**Postlude**

"Prelude & Fugue in G"  
Composer: Johann Schneider

**Offered by Erik Matson**

### **A Daily Lenten Habit**

**Let us begin and end each day in prayer. Let us linger with Scripture not to master it, but to be shaped by it. Let us practice silence and meditation, allowing the Spirit to search, convict, and console us.**

### **Guided Lenten Prayer for the Fast**

Holy God, As we fast, empty us any selfishness or that which does not seek justice for our neighbors.

As we pray, fill us with your Spirit.

As we give, loosen our grip on fear and scarcity.

As we serve, teach us compassion without condition.

As we walk mindfully, make us aware of your presence in every step.

By Easter, raise us into new life; more faithful, more loving, more joyful in Christ. Amen.

### **Morning Prayer (5-10 minutes)**

**Invocation:** Lord, Jesus Christ, I offer you this day. As I fast, shape my yearnings, guide my steps, and make me an instrument of your love. As I grow in my discipleship, increase my desire to serve others in your Name.

**Scripture Reading:** Follow the [Daily Lectionary Readings](#) for the Lenten Season

Monday, February 23, 2026: [Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18;](#)

Tuesday, February 24, 2026: [Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10;](#)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026: [Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14;](#)

Thursday, February 26, 2026: [Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7;](#)

Friday, February 27, 2026: [Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31;](#)

Saturday, February 28, 2026: [Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10;](#)

**Silence (1-3 minutes)** Breathe slowly and repeat: Christ, be my sufficiency.

### **Midday Practice (2-5 minutes)**

**Mindfulness Pause:**

Stop. Breathe. Notice God's presence.

Ask: Where have I seen Christ today? How may I open my heart more to others?

### **Evening Examen (10-15 minutes)**

Become aware of each breath as you inhale and exhale. Listen for the Spirit's leading.

1. Name moments of grace.
2. Examine where you loved well and where you resisted love.
3. Offer any failure to God's mercy.
4. Seek God's strength and power for tomorrow.

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