

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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**April 12, 2026**

**9:30 am**

**“Unless I See”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

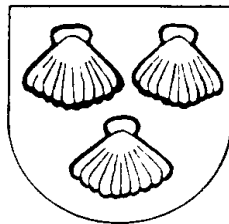
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## Gathering

Prelude

“Voluntary”

*Offered by Nelda Clelland*

John Bennett  
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Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

Gathering Song

“My Tribute”

*UMH 99*

### Chorus

To God be the glory, To God be the glory,  
To God be the glory, For the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me,  
With His power He has raised me,  
To God be the glory, For the things He has done.

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### Call to Worship

*Jan Petrosch*

ONE: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

### Opening Prayer

*Jan Petrosch*

**God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.**

Written by Rev. Vinod Wesley and posted on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-2a-april-16/>.

### \*Opening Hymn

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

*UMH 304*

1. Easter people raise your voices  
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring  
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices  
Heavenly music let it ring  
Alleluia alleluia  
Easter people let us sing

2. Fear of death can no more stop us  
From our pressing here below  
For our Lord empowered us to  
Triumph over every foe  
Alleluia alleluia  
On to victory now we go

3. Every day to us is Easter  
With its resurrection song  
When in trouble move the faster  
To our God who rights the wrong  
Alleluia alleluia  
See the power of heavenly throngs

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**Prayer of Confession**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, The prejudice that impedes us, The ignorance that hinders us, The doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, Move to those places where love is needed, And have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

*Jan Petrosch*

**Response: Alleluia! Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

*Jan Petrosch*

The peace of Christ be with you **People: And also with you.**

**Proclaiming**

**Children's Message**

*Edie Candee*

**Baptism Hymn**

"God Claims You" (chorus and vs. 1)

**TFWS 2249**

**Chorus**

Jackson and Madelyn, God claims you  
God helps you protects you  
And loves you too

1. We this day do all agree  
A child of God you'll always be  
**Chorus**

**Baptism of Jackson Charles Silbaugh, born 9/2/2020 and Madelyn Paige Silbaugh born 2/23/2024**

**Parents: Sean and Jennifer Silbaugh**

**Godparents: Michael Mascaro, Emily Pierce and Kimberly Silbaugh**

**Baptism Hymn**

"God Claims You" (chorus and vs. 2 & 3)

**TFWS 2249**

**Chorus**

Jackson and Madelyn, God claims you  
God helps you protects you  
And loves you too

2. We your family love you so  
We vow to help your faith to grow  
**Chorus**

3. We are here to say this day  
That we will help you on your way

**Chorus**

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**Scripture****Psalm 16 (UMH 748)****Jan Petrosch**

ONE: Protect me, O God...or take their names upon my lips.

**ALL: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.**ONE: <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**ALL: <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a glorious heritage.**ONE: <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.**ALL: <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right hand; I shall not be moved.**ONE: <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.**ALL: <sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your godly one see the pit.**ONE: <sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life;**ALL: in your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.****Scripture****1 Peter 1: 1-9 (NRSVUE); John 20: 19-31 (NRSVUE)****Word in Music**"This Joyful Eastertide"  
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"Unless I See"

**Rev. Patricia Abell****Prayer of Intercession****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**

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**Going Forth****\*Closing Hymn**

"He Lives!"

**UMH 310**

1. I serve a risen Savior,  
 He's in the world today  
 I know that He is living,  
 whatever people say;  
 I see His hand of mercy,  
 I hear His voice of cheer,  
 And just the time I need Him,  
 He's always near.

**Refrain**

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today;  
 He walks with me and talks with me  
 along life's narrow way.  
 He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know He lives?  
 He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me  
 I see His loving care  
 And though my heart grows weary  
 I never will despair;  
 I know that He is leading  
 through all the stormy blast,  
 The day of his appearing  
 will come at last.

**Refrain**

3. Rejoice, rejoice O Christian  
 Lift up your voice and sing!  
 Eternal hallelujahs  
 to Jesus Christ the King!  
 The hope of all who seek Him  
 the help of all who find  
 None other is so loving,  
 So good and kind!

**Refrain**

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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Postlude**

**“Easter Postlude on “Handel”**

**Offered by Nelda Clelland**

Janet Correll  
Wayne Leupold Editions

**Question for Reflection**

Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw the nail holes and put his finger in the wound of the risen Christ’s hands and side. We, too, have been wounded in this life, and our society often teaches us to hide our wounds and vulnerabilities.

What might happen if, like Christ, we invited those shut down by life to explore our wounds?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious God, you are the God who is and was and is to be.

Thank you that Christ has freed us

to be a kingdom of priests serving you and your world.

Give me a deeper sense, as I move through this day,  
of what it means to say that you are my “Alpha and Omega,” my A to Z. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Jesus, tonight I remember

that your gospel gives me the power to forgive any and all,

through the gift of your Holy Spirit, and that includes forgiving myself.

Breathe your peace into me so that even if I pierced you today,  
I can still see you coming to embrace me with your freedom and love this night. Amen

Resources: Stories That Matter @ UMC Discipleship Ministries

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/stories-that-matter>

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