

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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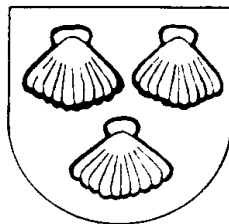
**9:30 am**

**“Astounded Us”**

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## Gathering

**Prelude** "Praise To the Lord, the Almighty" *Offered by Rosemary Sutter*

Arr. Phillip Keveren  
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**Welcome** *Jan Petrosch*

**Introit** "The Day of Resurrection" *Handbell Choir*

Lancashire  
Henry Smart, arr. by Frances L. Callahan  
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**Call to Worship** *Jan Petrosch*

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.**

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

**Opening Prayer** *Jan Petrosch*

**O risen Christ,**

**On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion.**

**Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.**

**Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.**

**May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.**

**May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you.**

**Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.**

Adapted from Resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Throughout the Year (2010), jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. Posted on the [World Council of Churches](https://www.wccf.org/) website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/opening-prayer-luke-2413-32.html>.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Christ Is Alive" *UMH 318*

1. Christ is alive let Christians sing  
The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring  
His love in death shall never die

2. Christ is alive no longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine  
He comes to claim the here and now  
And dwell in every place and time

3. Not throned afar remotely high  
Untouched unmoved by human pains  
But daily in the midst of life  
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns

4. In every insult rift and war  
Where color scorn or wealth divide  
He suffers still yet loves the more  
And lives though ever crucified

5. Christ is alive and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age  
Till earth and sky and all creation  
Ring with joy with justice love and praise

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### Prayer of Confession

*Jan Petrosch*

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.

### Passing the Peace

*Jan Petrosch*

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

### Proclaiming

#### Children's Message

*Tainya Clarke*

#### Scripture

**1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NRSVUE); Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSVUE)**

*Jan Petrosch*

#### Word in Music

"Christ Arose"

Robert Lowry

Arranged by Bill Ingram

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*Handbell Choir*

#### Message

"Astounded Us"

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

#### Prayer of Intercession

*Jan Petrosch*

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

#### Offertory

"He Lives!"

Alfred Ackley

Arranged by Paul A. McKlveen (ASCAP)

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*Handbell Choir*

**\*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**

“Victory In Jesus”

**UMH 370**

1. I heard an old old story  
How a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory

**Refrain**  
O victory in Jesus my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

2. I heard about His healing  
Of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see  
And then I cried dear Jesus  
Come and heal my broken spirit  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
To me the victory

3. I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

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Eugene M. Bartlett

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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Postlude**

“I Love You, Lord”  
**Offered by Rosemary Sutter, piano, and Kelli Young, vocalist**

By Charlene M. Cooper

### Questions for Reflection

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as he taught them the meaning of the Scriptures.

However, they finally recognized him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.”  
How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, your rising from tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal  
as the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of life anew.  
Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection and confirm in my heart  
the power of your amazing love, that I may with confidence sing “Alleluia.” Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you have upheld me with your love  
even when I have not been aware of your presence.  
As I rest from my labors let me sleep without fear of darkness or death  
and rise refreshed to begin a new day in humble service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Resources: Stories That Matter @ UMC Discipleship Ministries

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

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