

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

Join the Worship Service here! → Web: [www.saintjamesweb.org](http://www.saintjamesweb.org)

Facebook: @stjamesmarriottsville

YouTube: Saint James UMC Marriottsville



**May 3, 2026**

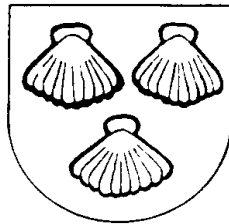
**9:30 am**

**“You Know the Way”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

---

Administrative Assistant: Kenna Haj | Bell Choir Director: Laural Clark  
Director of Music Ministry: Kelli Young | Guest Accompanist: Nelda Clelland  
Pastor: Rev. Patricia Abell



**Saint James United Methodist Church**

Marriottsville, MD 410-442-2020

[stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net)

## Gathering

### Prelude

"I've Got Peace Like a River"  
"This Little Light of Mine"

*Offered by Nelda Clelland*

Arr. M. Hayes

© 2016 Lorentz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorentz Corporation  
All rights reserved. Printed in the USA

### Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Gathering Song

"My Tribute"  
Chorus

*UMH 99*

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.

Words and Music by Andrae' Crouch  
© 1971 Communiqué' Music, Inc.

### Call to Worship

*Nancy Janson*

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.*

### Opening Prayer

*Nancy Janson*

**Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.**

*Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website at [https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter\\_5\\_may\\_10/](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter_5_may_10/).*

### \*Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*UMH 577*

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
Serving thee whom we adore.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 577  
**Text:** Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-  
**Music:** John Hughes, 1873-1932  
**Tune:** CWM RHONDDA, **Meter:** 87.87.87  
Public Domain

### Prayer of Confession

*Nancy Janson*

**Merciful God: We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.**

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission. Posted at <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.

### Words of Assurance

*Nancy Janson*

**Response: Alleluia! Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

*Nancy Janson*

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

### Proclaiming

### Children's Message

*Jelinda Blum*

### Scripture

**1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14:1-14 (NRSVue)**

*Nancy Janson*

### Word in Music

"Jesus Christ Is the Way"

*Chancel Choir*

### Message

"You Know the Way"

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### \*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*

CCLI Song # 3063266 | Gilbert H. Vieira | Ralph Vaughan Williams | Thomas Ken  
© Words: 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) | Music: Public Domain

### Holy Communion

## Going Forth

### \*Closing Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

UMH 126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above  
The God of all creation  
The God of power the God of love  
The God of our salvation  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
And every faithless murmur stilled  
To God all praise and glory

2. The Lord is never far away  
But through all grief distressing  
An ever present help and stay  
Our peace and joy and blessing  
As with a mother’s tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band  
To God all praise and glory

3. Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises  
That earth may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises  
Be joyful in the Lord my heart  
Both soul and body bear your part  
To God all praise and glory

4. Let all who name Christ’s holy name  
Give God all praise and glory  
Let all who own his power proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story  
Cast each false idol from its throne  
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone  
To God all praise and glory

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; trans. By Frances E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)  
Public Domain

For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#).  
All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)  
CCLI License # 2648763

### Benediction

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Postlude

“Jig Fugue”  
D. Buxtehude  
Public Domain

*Offered by Nelda Clelland*

### Question for Reflection

Is the “dwelling place” (John 14:1–14) of which Jesus speaks a place for us after we die, or does it include our life in the present? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples “will do greater works”? What does it mean to pray “in Jesus’ name”? Where is God’s Spirit opening us to new directions in mission this day?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen

### Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress,  
into your hands I commit my spirit.  
As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant,  
and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.

Resources: Stories That Matter @ UMC Discipleship Ministries

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

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

Scan this for a direct link to Saint James Website



*Saint James UMC is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore-Washington  
Conference of the United Methodist Church*

\*Please stand as able