



April 15, 2018

 **St. James**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**St. James Presbyterian Church  
Order for Worship**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION**

*Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared in worship, please fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Passing of the Peace.*

*We worship using a variety of liturgy, printed in your bulletin, and two song books. The purple hymnal called Glory to God (GTG) and the black book, The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service.*

**PRELUDE**

Julian Fajardo, piano

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Gresham, Lector

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"To God Be the Glory" #634 GTG

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The One who calls us to repent, hears us.

In trust that our Creator knows us through and through,

let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Good and gracious God,**

**we are creatures of dust,**

**ignorant of your revelation,**

**misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,**

**needing forgiveness.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.  
We beg your mercy for our fallen world.  
We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.  
Be our solace in this life and always.  
We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.  
Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**\*RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** "Glory Be to the Father" #581 GTG

### **INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY**

#### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please pass prayer cards to an usher*

#### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

As Jesus gave himself fully for us  
and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace,  
so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others  
through our tithes and gifts.

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** "For the Life That You Have Given" #717 GTG

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion  
of what you have given us.

All that we have is from your creative hand.

All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.

All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy;  
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God, by your Spirit  
reveal your radical, surprising love;  
come to us through your holy word,  
and let us hear what you are saying. **Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 133 (pg. 575 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Ubi Caritas" (Snyder)

### **SERMON READING**

1 John 3:1-7 (pg. 240 in pew Bible)

### **SERMON**

"Children of Righteousness" The Rev Seth J. Thomas

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" #302 GTG

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Shout to the North" #319 GTG

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

### **POSTLUDE**

*As our worship concludes, so our service begins.*

*We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Horizon Room, to your right as you leave the sanctuary, overlooking the bay. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.*

### **Next Sunday - April 22, 2018**

Sermon Title: "Abiding on Earth in Truth and Action!"

First Reading: Psalm 23

Sermon Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

**The nursery** for children birth through 3 years of age is located downstairs at the south end of the building.

**Godly Play, is our educational program for kids age 4 through 5th grade.**

**Parents** We would appreciate having your children registered for Godly Play, as a measure of security. You only need to register once. Please ask a teacher for a registration sheet.

**Children of all ages** are welcome throughout the service to worship with their families. Kid Packs are available in the Kids' Cupboard in the Narthex. Please see an Usher for details.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, Family Promise comes to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.** Many thanks to all of you who have so generously and enthusiastically embraced Family Promise. Family Promise training will be offered on Apr. 22 at Garden St. Methodist, 12pm-2pm, and May 16 at Northlake Community Church from 6pm-8:30pm.

**16th Annual Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roof Auction** Saturday, April 28, 5:30-9:00, Northwood Hall (3240 Northwest Avenue - Bellingham). This will be a fun evening of music, games, appetizers, great dinner and drinks for only \$45. Contact Gretchen Pfueller for tickets or purchase online through Habitat for Humanity Whatcom Co.

**Lighthouse Mission's Light in the Night Gala & Auction** Look forward to a spectacular, heartfelt night with live entertainment, photo booth, raffle, silent and live auctions, and inspiring guest stories. You will also enjoy appetizers, a plated dinner, and dessert. All funds you help raise will support men, women, and children who are homeless in our community. Saturday, May 19 at 5:00pm, Four Points by Sheraton, \$70 per person or \$500 for a table of 8. Visit [www.auctria.com/auction/missiongala](http://www.auctria.com/auction/missiongala) for tickets.

**Interfaith Coalition thanks St. James** Presbyterian Church for your generosity to our 2018 Hope Auction. In addition to what those of you in attendance contributed through ticket or auction item purchase, your generous response through your many congregation gifts, including garden and coffee baskets, and ceramic planters helped us reach a record total auction amount of over \$200,000! Know that every day families and individuals in Whatcom County are lifted up and experience hope because of you. Thank you!

We want to remind you that **newsletter items** for the May publication of the Pulse are due by this Monday, April 16! You can email Natasha your newsletter items at [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org). Feel free to call 360-733-1325 with any questions you may have. Natasha's hours are Tuesday -Friday, 9am-2pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

### This Week at St. James (April 16-April 21 )

- TODAY**      **Family Promise begins! St. James supports Sacred Heart Catholic Church**
- Monday**      *Pulse* items due today  
10am Grief Support  
4pm Cross-fit  
5:15pm Tai Chi  
7pm Boy Scouts
- Tuesday**      8am Music Teachers Association  
10:15am Yoga  
7pm Community Chorus Rehearsal  
7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
- Wednesday**      2pm Worship Committee  
5:30pm Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East hosted by Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship
- Thursday**      10:15am Yoga  
6:30pm Bell Choir  
7:30pm Choir
- Friday**      4pm Cross-fit  
6pm Church Work Party
- Saturday**      9am First Presbyterian  
9:30 Weaver Guild  
2pm Memorial for Roy Clarke

### Next Sunday—Earth Day

- 9am Adult Church School  
10:30am Worship

### Programs sharing our St. James facility:

#### 12 Step Programs

- AA Men's Book Study Group: 7pm Mondays  
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays  
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays  
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:30pm Thursdays and Sundays  
OA: 10am Saturdays

### Bayside Co-op Preschool Information (360-733-3972)

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions** Contact Matt and Emily Hawthorne at

## **PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

### **Lector**

Jim Gresham

### **Sacristan**

Cheryl McGregor

### **Coffee Hour**

Deacons

### **Ushers**

Barbara Harnden

Robb McGregor

Katy Read

Jeanne Uhles

### **Flowers**

Amber Wainscott

### **The Saint James Staff**

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