

St. James Presbyterian Church  
June 11, 2017

# *Origin Stories*



**St. James Presbyterian Church**  
**Order for Worship**  
**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**A Time for Gathering and Quiet Meditation**

*Please silence electronic devices at this time. Prayer Cards, located in the pew pockets, can be filled out and passed to an Usher or placed in the offering plate. If you desire, check the appropriate line on the prayer card and your prayer will be shared during worship. We use two song books. The purple hymnal, called Glory to God is abbreviated GTG. The black book, entitled The Faith We Sing, is abbreviated FWS.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please pass the Friendship Pads in the pews, place your name on the sheet, and note who is in the pew with you so that you can greet them after the service.*

**Introit**

Carolyn Mullen, Piano

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor Seth J. Thomas

In the beginning, all was darkness  
and God said,  
“let there be light”

**And because God had said it  
there was light.**

In the beginning, all was silence  
and God sang the song of creation

**And because God sang  
all the stars and spheres  
vibrated to the music of God.**

In the beginning, all was still  
and God laughed

**And because God laughed  
the waters took up  
the roar and the ripple of it;  
and ebbed and flowed  
and seeped and swirled  
and delighted in the ways of its being.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

In the beginning, all was dull  
and God painted

**And because God painted  
the sky became blue - and purple - and pink  
and rainbows hang there.**

**The grass became green  
and flowers and butterflies  
danced in the drips  
and settled like jewels  
on the earth.**

In the beginning, all was unconscious  
and God breathed

**And because God breathed  
men and women woke up from their sleeping.  
They breathed of the very life of God  
and stood in wonder before the work of God's hands.  
They beheld the glory of God  
in all that God had made  
and they saw that it was very good.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**"For the Beauty of the Earth" #14 GTG**

**Call to Confession** *(From the Iona Abbey Prayer Book)*

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches,  
**open our eyes to see.**

O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,  
**open our eyes to see.**

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,  
**open our eyes to see.**

O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,  
**open our eyes to see.**

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation,  
**that we repent and care more deeply.**

So move us to grieve the loss of life,  
**that we learn to cherish and protect your world. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**We believe that God's love is powerful beyond measure.**

**God not only preserves the world, God continually attends to it.**

**God commands us to care for the earth in ways  
that reflect God's loving care for us.**

**We are responsible for ensuring that the earth's gifts  
are used fairly and wisely,**

**that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given,  
and that future generations may continue to enjoy  
the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God.**

**Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care,  
we receive the grace to be patient in adversity,  
thankful in the midst of blessing,  
courageous when facing injustice,  
and confident that no evil may afflict us  
that God will not turn to our good.**

*Children come forward during the response for the Time with Children*

### **\*Response to Words of Forgiveness**

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35 GTG*

### **Time with Children**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

Let us share signs of God's peace.

### **Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

Let us present ourselves to God  
as those who have been delivered  
from death to life.

### **Offertory**

Randy Bowers

**\*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**

Astounding Spirit,  
you have showered your gifts upon us.  
Now we offer you our lives,  
to be transformed, made new,  
and given in love for the world;  
in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Psalm 8 (pg. 492 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (pg. 1 in pew Bible)

**Sermon**

"The Origins of All Goodness and Beauty" The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

**\*Hymn of Response**

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" #23 GTG

**Joys and Concerns** (Read from Prayer Cards.)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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. 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.**

### \*Closing Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" #20 GTG

### \*Benediction

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour out blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you, the children of God,  
that you may use all things to the glory of God and the welfare of all  
peoples.

### Postlude

Randy Bowers

*As our worship concludes, our service begins.*

*We invite you to join us for coffee and cookies in the Horizon Room,  
adjacent to the Narthex, overlooking the bay.*

*Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace,  
friendship and welcome to everyone.*

## PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Lector

Dave Armstrong

### Music Director

Carolyn Mullen

### Sacristan

Ann Lary

### Ushers

Bill Read

Martha Speer

Milt Schayes

### Coffee Hour

Deacons

### Sound System

Christian Beaty

### Flowers

Sacristan Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Solstice Sing-A-Long** June 20th is the longest day of the year, the day we celebrate the fullness of the sun's light and remember that Christ's light shines brightly in our lives. This year, we're hosting a hymn-sing at Saint James at 8pm! Join us for hymns and praise songs, led by Pastor Seth. We'll sing and pray together for about an hour and wrap up just in time to head outside for the sunset!

**Pulse items are due on the 16th of every month.** Last month's Pulse was terrific! Thanks to everyone who sent in items for the newsletter. Please send July items to [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org).

**Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East** is on Monday, June 19 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

It's time for the **ST. JAMES SALMON BARBECUE**, 5:30pm, Friday, June 23, on the lower terrace in front of the Fellowship Hall. We'll have lawn games, sidewalk art show, bubbles, and other creative activities. Congregational Life committee will provide salmon, beverages, garlic bread, and dessert. **Please bring a salad to share.** Sign up sheets are in the attendance pads.

**The Grief Support group** is held bi-monthly at 10am on the first and third Mondays in the Lounge. The next meeting will be June 19.

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

**Church school is available** for children pre-school through 5th grade.

**Today in Sunday School** Formed by Love. Focus scripture is Genesis 1:1-2 - 2:4a. Children are reminded of the beautiful things God created on Earth. They can observe the diversity of creatures and plants and give thanks for them.

**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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### This Week at St. James (June 11-June 16)

<b>TODAY</b>	12pm Session BYOL
<b>Monday</b>	5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:15am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Flag Day</i> 11:15am Tai Chi 12:15pm Chair Tai Chi 12:30pm Parish Walk with Pastor Seth 4:30pm Weavers Guild
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Pulse Items Due</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	* * *

### Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Deacons

### 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 [hlearningsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:hlearningsolutions@gmail.com) for times and dates.

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