



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Resurrection Life: Vision - Luke 24:13-35

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 the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: the Glory to God hymnal (GTG), and The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through 3 years and Godly Play is available for children ages 4 through middle school.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Hill, Lector

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus,
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his friends.

**Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.**

Today we gather around table, font, and pulpit-
hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.

**May our eyes be open
to recognize Jesus in our midst.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" - GTG #839

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord,
by the power of your Spirit,
you are present among us.
Yet, like the first disciples,
we fail to see you in our midst.
We do not realize you are walking beside us,
for we are rushing to meet the demands
of hectic schedules and overcrowded lives.
We do not notice you in everyday encounters,
for we are distracted by daily labors
and consumed by our own concerns.
We do not recognize you on our streets
or at our tables,
for our expectations are too limited
to imagine all the ways you dwell among us.
Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst,
so that- seeing you clearly-
we might follow you faithfully.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***THE PEACE**

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Faye Hill

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Luke 24:13–35

SERMON

The Resurrection Life: Vision
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***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Day of Arising" - GTG #252

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Luke Arnold

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song"
GTG #737

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

Luke Arnold

*As our worship concludes, 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 week, May 3rd - The Resurrection Life
Welcome John 10:1-10**

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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GODLY PLAY: JESUS AND THE TWELVE

This lesson tells the stories of the disciples of Jesus, who we now call apostles.

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

Design your own shield and send it to me!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In this season of great struggle for our community and world, we are looking for folks who are willing to serve. This weekend, we are opening up a new version of the St. James Time & Talent's form for you to sign up to serve around our community, now during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as in the future in our church community. We ask that each person take the time to fill out this form, found at <http://www.saintjamespres.org/helping>. There are many ways to serve, pray, and support one another in this season.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL POSTPONED

Due to a recommendation by county health officials, we will be postponing this summer's VBS. "Anchored: Deepening Faith in God Vacation Bible School", originally scheduled for June 28th through July 3rd 2020 will be moved to the summer of 2021. Refunds have already been processed. Thank you all for your support and understanding, we hope to see you next year!

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB IS ZOOMING!

St. James Book Club is currently reading Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*. We will be meeting Monday evening, May 17th at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us please email Tracy Caruso tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, April 26th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (worship)

Luke 24:13-35 (preaching)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

April 27th - May 3rd

Attention: all church activities have moved to on-line forums where applicable. Contact your group leader for details.

Monday-Thursday 9:00am Daily Prayer- Streamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

Next Sunday, 4/26 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

**ALL GROUPS MEETING IN OUR BUILDING ARE
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER FOR
ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION**

AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm, Thursdays and Sundays

AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm, Mondays

AA SOS Men's Group: 6:00pm, Wednesdays

AI-Anon: 5:30pm, Tuesdays

Bellingham Community Chorus: 6:30pm, Tuesdays

Overeaters Anon: 10:00am, Saturdays

WA Gender Alliance: 7:30pm, Thursdays

You Are Not Alone (YANA): 6:00pm, 2nd Mondays

Bayside Co-op Preschool, Mon - Fri

Boy Scouts Troop 7, Every Monday night except for school holidays

Hawthorne Learning Solutions

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