



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3, 2020

The Resurrection Life, Welcome (John 10:1–10)

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

The Shepherd calls us by name
and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table
and lavishly pours out grace.

**We hear your invitation
and take our place at the feast.**

The Shepherd gathers us in
and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God is Calling through the Whisper" - GTG #410

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have gone astray, O Shepherd.

**You call us to follow,
and we hear your voice.**

**Yet, we choose to heed other voices-
voices that promise status and comfort
and a carefree life.**

**But such promises are empty,
and that does not satisfy.**

Call to us again, O Shepherd.

**Summon us onto right paths
to pursue justice in your name,
to seek after the well-being of all.**

**Lead us to the table you prepare for us-
where rivals share both bread and blessings
and discover there is enough for all. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Seth Thomas

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 10:1–10

SERMON

"Welcome"

Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"O for a Closer Walk with God" - GTG #739

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Seth Thomas

OFFERTORY

Luke Arnold

*DOXOLOGY

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG #717

**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

Rev. Seth Thomas

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Seth Thomas

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.**

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lead Me, Guide Me" - GTG #740

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 10th: The Resurrection Life Home (John 14:1-14)

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GODLY PLAY: THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND WORLD COMMUNION

This lesson sets the story of the Good Shepherd next to Holy Communion to deepen each other's interpretation.

BRING GODLY PLAY HOME

Send answers to the wondering questions and any work to Tracy @ tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone in wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, May 3rd, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 23 (worship)

John 10:1-10 (preaching)

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR MAY

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.

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. We have opened 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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, 5/10 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

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