



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 2020

The Resurrection Life, Home (John 14:1-14)

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### 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.*

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#### PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

**We long for abiding peace  
and friendship that renews our souls.**

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

**We seek wisdom that endures  
and guidance for our journey.**

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

**We come to encounter Christ.**

**Let us worship our God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground" - GTG #406

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**in baptism, you claim us as beloved children  
and set us apart as witnesses to your love.**

**At times we forget**

**we bear the mark of your grace**

**and act as if you have no claim on our lives.**

**You call us to the risky work of justice and peace,  
but we default to what is comfortable and safe.**

**You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion,  
but we make little room in our busy lives**

**for gestures of mercy**

**beyond moments of spontaneous kindness.**

**Wash us again with your grace**

**and transform us by your Word,**

**that we might proclaim your good news**

**in word and deed.**

**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**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON READING**

John 14:1–14

### **SERMON**

"The Resurrection Life: Home"

Rev. Seth Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" - GTG #444

## **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**

"Christ is Alive!" - GTG #246

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

#### **\*BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **POSTLUDE**

Luke Arnold

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*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 17th - The Resurrection Life Promise (John 14:15-21)**

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

Lector: Jenny Sue LeSchander

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## **GODLY PLAY: CROSSES- EXPLORING A SACRED SYMBOL**

This lesson looks at different crosses and their story.

## **BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME**

Send answers to the wondering questions, a cross of your own design, and any other work to Tracy @ [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org).

## **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.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, May 10th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (worship)

John 14:1-14 (preaching)

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

## **ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB**

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](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**  
May 11th - May 17th, 2020

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**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, 5/17 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service  
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

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**PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY**

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**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

**Al-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**

**Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County**