



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17, 2020

The Resurrection Life, Promise (John 14:15–21)

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

O people, praise our God-
the Artist of creation,
the Lord of heaven and earth.

We worship our Maker with resounding praise!

In God we live and move and have our being;
it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.

God formed all people to seek the Lord;
indeed, our Creator is never far away.

Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Almighty King" - GTG #2

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**"If you love me,
you will keep my commandments," you said.
And, in the breath,
you promised an Advocate would come to us.
You, Lord, were faithful to your promise.
But we have broken your law of love.
We have hoarded resources,
rather than feeding your sheep.
We have stoked competition,
rather than kneeling at others' feet.
We have kept silent,
rather than testifying to our belief.**

**For not showing our love for you
by loving one another,
forgive us.
Help us obey your commandments
and keep us ever faithful to your Word
by the power of your Spirit,
who abides with and among us.
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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:8–20

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

SERMON READING

John 14:15–21

SERMON

"The Resurrection Life: Promise"
Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "I Long for Your Commandments" - GTG #64

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**

"We Are One in Spirit" - GTG #300

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 24th - The Resurrection Life
The End, pt. 1: The Resurrection Life (John 17:1–11)

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GODLY PLAY: THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE UPPER ROOM

This lesson the synagogue and the upper room are joined together to form a model of Christian worship, the joining of the Old and New Testaments, and much more.

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

Send answers to any of the wondering questions from the last 3 lessons, a shield representing you, a cross of your own design, or any other work to Tracy @ tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone in wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, May 17th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 66:8-20 (worship)

John 14:15-21 (preaching)

Acts 17: 22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION MONDAY, MAY 18TH!

St. James Book Club is currently reading Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*. We will be meeting Monday evening May 18th at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us please email Tracy Caruso tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

GAT INVITES YOU TO WATCH AND DISCUSS MOVIE

The Green Action Team (GAT) invites you to join us to discuss *The Human Element* a dynamic and beautifully photographed film depicting the changes to our climate, as evidenced by impacts to earth, air, wind, fire, and people. Please view the film by May 22nd. The film "The Human Element," is available online at <https://vimeo.com/328529547> The password is "THEedu"

Afterward, we hope everyone will sign up to join us for two small group discussions (via Zoom) in early June about what we learned in the film and actions we can take. Please notify Carla Shafer, carlashafer1@gmail.com by May 25th.

CHURCH ACCESS FOR THE REST OF MAY

The St. James Presbyterian church building is CLOSED. Please do not access the church building unless you have permission from the committee or staff members. During the month of MAY, the building is undergoing essential renovations. During those days, the door code you use will be deactivated for your safety.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

May 18th - May 24th, 2020

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, 5/24 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

Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County