



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday - In the Spirit! (John 7:37-39)

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. We would love to connect with you and support you in this strange season.

Please visit www.saintjamespres.org/contact to share how we can be of support in this season!

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred
dry bones to life-

sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips
us for service-

sweet through this space and empower our witness.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!" - GTG #277

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

We rejoice in the gifts you have given us.

Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to
glorify you.

For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain
instead of using them for the common good,
forgive us, O God.

For thinking too little of ourselves,
not trusting that you have given us gifts
for your service,
forgive us, O God

For believing some gifts to be better than others,
Ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ,
forgive us, O God.

Spirit of the Living God,
melt us, mold us,
fill us again with your power
and use us for your work
so that our lives may glorify you.
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

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 7:37-39

SERMON

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Spirit of the Living God" - GTG #288

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**

**"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"
GTG #285**

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 in a chat room. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.

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**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING IS CLOSED DUE TO THE
CORVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL
ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.
CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

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GODLY PLAY: THE MYSTERY OF PENTECOST

This lesson pairs the story of the Tower of Babel with the story of Pentecost and completes the cycle of the three great times in the Circle of the Church Year (along with the Mystery of Christmas and the Mystery of Easter).

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, May 31st, the lectionary texts are:

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (worship)

John 7:37-39 (preaching) or John 20:19-23

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR JUNE

St. James Book Club is currently reading *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. We will be meeting Monday evening June 15th at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us please email Tracy Caruso tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

CHURCH BUILDING ACCESS

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. While the building is undergoing essential renovations new door codes for staff and groups will be updated. More information will be released after the renovations. Thank you for your patience.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

June 1st - June 7th

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

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

Next Sunday, 6/7 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

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

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