



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 14, 2020

The Voyage Home We Never Wanted: Romans 5:1-8

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

Lindsay Anderson, Lector

Whether we stray like sheep
or follow faithfully,

God welcomes us here.

Whether we seek healing and wholeness,
or stand ready to extend compassion,

God welcomes us here.

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain,
or renewed and refreshed,
our souls at peace,

we gather to hear the good news:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - GTG #610

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you send us
to proclaim the good news of your kingdom
to all who are lost,
all who are afflicted,
all who are captive,
all who have been cast out.
But we are content to proclaim
the in-breaking of your kingdom
within familiar communities
where we know others will receive this news
with nods of agreement.
Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe,
and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service,
that we might be the laborers you call us to be.
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 100

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Romans 5:1-8

SERMON

"The Voyage Home We Never Wanted"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" - GTG #171

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

"Now Go in Joy" - GTG #745

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: PAUL'S DISCOVERY

This lesson presents the story of Paul's discovering the power of the Holy Spirit. This week we will look at the first 4 scenes from Paul's life.

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, June 14th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 100 (worship)

Matthew 9:35- 10:8 (9-23) (preaching)

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Romans 5:1-8

JOIN ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB THIS MONDAY!

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 15th - June 21st

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, 6/21 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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