



July 1, 2018

 **St. James**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**St. James Presbyterian Church  
Order for Worship**

**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 a variety of liturgy, printed in your bulletin, and two song books. The purple hymnal called Glory to God (GTG) and the black book, The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service.*

**PRELUDE**

Kaitlyn Ronstadt, Pianist/Accompanist

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Hill, Lector

I wait for the Lord,

**my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who  
watch for the morning,

**more than those who watch for the morning.**

In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #307 GTG

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because of such great mercy,

God is ready to forgive

all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness.

Relying on that mercy,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting you does not always come easy  
when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world.  
We do not believe that love conquers fear.  
We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.  
We cannot conceive how you could heal us.  
Forgive our lack of faith, O God,  
and renew our trust in you,  
for we would be disciples of Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**\*RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** "Glory Be to the Father" #581 GTG

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

#### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Please pass prayer cards to an usher*

#### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich,  
yet for our sakes he became poor,  
so that by his poverty we might become rich.  
Sisters and brothers, let us give generously  
of our goods and our lives  
in imitation of our Lord and Savior.

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** "For the Life That You Have Given" #717 GTG

**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.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Most holy God,  
who hears our prayers and answers them  
and gives us more than we can ask or imagine,  
accept these offerings and use them to your glory,  
that even now we might imitate your coming reign  
of justice, peace, and love,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

By the power of your Spirit,  
speak your Word to us, O God.  
Show us who you are  
and who you are calling us to be,  
for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 130 (pg. 573 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON READING**

Mark 9:19-24 (pg. 44 in pew Bible)

**SERMON**

“Casting Out Demon Silence” The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries” #653 GTG

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**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.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **WELCOME TO THE TABLE**

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

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **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.**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                    “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” *see insert*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*As our worship concludes, so 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 - July 8, 2018**

Sermon Title: “Eyes Open — Speaking Up Brings Sight!”

First Reading: Psalm 123

Sermon Reading: Mark 10:47-48

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Don't miss it!!**

**The annual Congregational Picnic, combined with the annual Salmon Barbecue,**

will be on Sunday, July 22, right after worship, on the front lawn. In addition to the wonderful food, we will have fun and games for all! We will provide Salmon, garlic bread, hot dogs for the kids, and ice cream bars for dessert.

Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

You may also want to bring your own lawn chair (more comfy than the church folding chairs!).

Watch for the sign up sheet in your church bulletin or call the office (360-733-1325) to register.

Nursery care is available during worship, but preschool and older children are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their parents and work on scripture-related art.

Godly Play will resume in September.

### **Bellingham Pride Sunday 7/15**

Sunday, July 15th is Bellingham Pride Sunday - celebrating the diversity of human life, promoting equal rights, increasing the visibility of the LGBTQ community, and having fun while doing so. For Sunday worship that day, we encourage everyone to wear the colors of the rainbow to church. The parade starts near the intersection of Halleck Street and Ohio Street. EVERYONE is welcome to join in and celebrate.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### This Week at St. James (July 2-July 7)

<b>Monday</b>	Grief Support Group 4pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Building and Grounds 6pm Finance 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Independence Day</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15 Yoga 5:30pm Congregational Life
<b>Friday</b>	4pm St. James Fitness
<b>Saturday</b>	1pm Bellingham Ukulele Group

### Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School  
10:30am Worship  
12pm Session

### Programs sharing our St. James facility:

#### 12 Step Programs

AA Men's Book Study Group: 7pm Mondays  
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays  
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays  
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:30pm Thursdays and Sundays  
OA: 10am Saturdays

### Bayside Co-op Preschool Information (360-733-3972)

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions** Contact Matt and Emily Hawthorne at [hlearningsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:hlearningsolutions@gmail.com) for times and dates.

## PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

### Lector

Faye Hill

### Coffee Hour

Deacons

### Ushers

Adam Beaty

Bill Read

### Sacristan

Jenny Sue LeSchander

### Flowers

Cheryl McGregor

### Song Leader

Jenny Sue LeSchander

### The Saint James Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

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Administrative Secretary: Natasha Orme

Music Director: Carolyn Mullen

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Treasurer: Marina McLeod

Children's Ministry: Tracy Caruso

Teachers: Erika Singh-Cundy, Sophie Rose Kendrick, Lucy Sieczka, Holly Jones

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

