



July 8, 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

Merry Thomas, Lector

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies are everlasting.

They are new every morning.

Great is God's faithfulness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God,
for God is faithful and loves us eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and have strayed from living wholeheartedly.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

**Envy and fear have dulled our generosity,
and we have grown mean and destructive.
Forgive us our sins and return us to health
through the grace and mercy of Christ. 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

Let us joyfully share our abundance with others,
as we trust in God who provides for all our needs.

OFFERTORY

"How Firm a Foundation" (arr. by D. Forrest)
The St. James Singers

***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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity
and a genuine love for those who are in need.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives
that together we may bring healing and hope to the world.
In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives.
Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit,
for you are might to save.

Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 123 (pg. 572 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 47 in pew Bible)

SERMON

“Eyes Open — Speaking Up Brings Sight!” The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Open Our Eyes” #2086 FWS

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***CLOSING HYMN**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182 GTG

***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.

Nursery care is available during worship, but preschool and older children are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their parents and explore the Scriptures with our Illustrated Children's Moment bulletins.

NEXT WEEK - JULY 15, 2018

Sermon Title: "Refusing to Be Silent"

First Reading: Psalm 85:8-13

Sermon Reading: Luke 18:2-3

Pastor Seth will be away Monday - Saturday this week on vacation.

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office (360-733-1325) or Rev. Cindy Bauleke (360-303-1941)

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. St. James will have a table at the Pride Festival at the Depot Market Square, downtown Bellingham, from Noon to 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join in and celebrate.

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.

The event is free - donations accepted to cover costs.

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (July 8-July 14)

TODAY	12pm Session
Monday	4pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi
Tuesday	10:15am Yoga 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
Wednesday	10am Worship 4pm Mission and Social Action
Thursday	10:15 Yoga
Friday	12pm Prime Timers 4pm St. James Fitness
Saturday	* * *

Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School
10:30am Worship
11:45am Deacons

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 for times and dates.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Lector

Merry Thomas

Coffee Hour

Deacons

Ushers

Adam Beaty

Martha Speer

Milt Schayes

Sacristan

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Flowers

Margaret deMaine

Song Leader

Jenny Sue LeSchander

The Saint James Staff

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