



September 2, 2018



# 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.*

*Please silence electronic devices before the service.*

*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).*

#### PRELUDE

Kaitlyn Ronstadt

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING WORDS

Faye Hill, Lector

Who may abide in the presence of God?

**Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**All those who speak truth from their heart.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" #33 GTG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holi-

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ness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 give as God has so abundantly given to us.

### **OFFERTORY**

Variations on "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Jim Gresham, Clarinet

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**"For the Life That You Have Given"**

**#717 GTG**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word, and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord, by the power of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to receive your Word that we not forget the wonders you have done nor neglect to make them known to our children, nor fail to them to the world. **Amen.**

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 150 (pg. 588 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON READING**

John 20:19-22 (pg. 115 in pew Bible)

**SERMON**

**“Passing the Peace”** The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Will You Come and Follow Me” #726 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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## WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" #393 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. 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.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GODLY PLAY** will resume next week, Sept 9.

**FAMILY PROMISE** returns to our FP partner church, Sacred Heart, on Sunday Sept. 9-17. Volunteers are needed to provide dinners, on site support, set-up and take-down, laundry service. Please contact Gretchen Pfueller, [gmpfueller@gmail.com](mailto:gmpfueller@gmail.com) to see how you can help homeless families.

**THE OTHER 6 DAYS** — Our life in the way of Jesus is about more than just Sunday morning. What do you do in the *other 6 days* of your week? How does what we do here as the gathered people of God, on Sundays, impact/help/support/inform those days? We want to hear from you. If you would be willing to share and answer those simple, yet profoundly important, questions, you can sign up on the schedule on the board in the hallway, across from the bathrooms. Questions? Curious? Talk with Seth.

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## **WEEKLY PRAYER PRACTICE**

**For the week of September 2, 2018**

*The following is a simple prayer practice that can be used at home or work throughout your week. Included is a short prayer, which roots you in God's presence, followed by guided pauses for you to speak of what is on your heart, and closes with the Lord's Prayer.*

*Scripture texts for the upcoming week's worship at St. James Presbyterian, are also included, for daily reading and reflection.*

### **Prayer for the Week**

O God, author and giver of all good things,  
plant in our hearts the love of your name;  
increase in us true religion;  
nourish us with all goodness;  
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

### **Guided pauses**

*People of God, for what do you...*

*Know Gratitude...*

*Know Longing...*

*Cry in Lament...*

*Seek Forgiveness...*

*Hold Hope...*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Next Week's Scriptures & Sermon**

*"Peace Among Us, Bound Together"*

Psalm 78:23–29

Ephesians 4:1-6

## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES (SEPTEMBER 3 — SEPTEMBER 8)

- Monday** 10am Grief Support Group  
4pm St. James Fitness  
5:15pm Tai Chi  
6pm You Are Not Alone  
7pm Boy Scouts Troop 7
- Tuesday** 9am Bayside Co-op Children Small Groups  
10:15am Yoga  
6pm Finance Committee  
7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
- Wednesday** 9am Bayside Co-op Children Small Groups  
3:30pm Mission & Social Action Committee  
7pm South Hill Neighborhood Assn  
7pm Christian Faith Formation Committee
- Thursday** 9am Bayside Co-op Children Small Groups  
10:15am Yoga  
5:30pm Congregational Life Committee  
6pm St James Parent Night  
6:30pm Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- Friday** 9am Bayside Co-op Preschool Orientation  
4pm St. James Fitness
- Saturday** 10am Memorial Service—Inge Thurston  
1pm Bellingham Ukulele Group

### Next Sunday

- 9am Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Worship  
Noon Session meeting  
3pm Memorial Service—Phil Jones

### PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY:

#### 12 Step Programs

- AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm Mondays  
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays  
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays  
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm Thursdays and Sundays  
OA: 10am Saturdays

**THE SAINT JAMES STAFF**

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas  
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Music Director: Carolyn Mullen  
Pianist/Accompanist: Kaitlyn Ronstadt  
Treasurer: Marina McLeod  
Children & Family Director: Tracy Caruso  
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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

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**PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Lector: Faye Hill                      Sacristan: Carla Shafer  
Coffee Hour: Deacons                Flowers: Margaret deMaine  
Communion servers: Margaret McVie, Jean Seater,  
Rick Seater, Carla Shafer

