



September 9, 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, Pianist

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING WORDS

Carla Shafer, Lector

Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted. Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise Ye the Lord" #633 GTG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins  
to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and compassionate God, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

### **\*RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

"Glory Be to the Father" #581 GTG

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Tracy Caruso

## **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**

For the healing of the this world,  
let us now bring forth our tithes and offerings.

## **OFFERTORY**

"Saints Bound for Heaven" (Larson)  
St. James Chancel Choir

### **\*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**

Receive our thanks, O God,  
for your gifts of life, means, and time.  
We treasure your offerings, and small as our return giving may be,  
welcome it for the sake of those in need  
and for the furtherance of your witness in this world.  
Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given,  
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, whose Spirit comes to us  
in moments of both strength and weakness,  
come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word  
in fullness and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 78:23-29 (pg. 538 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON READING**

Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 193 in pew Bible)

### **SERMON**

“Peace Among Us, Bound Together”

The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Bind Us Together” #2226 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.

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

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” #317 GTG

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*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.

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### **Next Week - September 16, 2018**

*Next week Pastor Seth will be away for a gathering of newly ordained PC (USA) Pastors. We welcome Fred Hartsook, the new Director of the INN University Ministries, as our guest preacher.*

### **PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Lector:** Carla Shafer

**Song Leader:** Carolyn Mullen

**Sacristan:** Carla Shafer

**Flowers:** Jim & Carolyn Mullen

**Head Usher:** Robb McGregor

**Coffee:** Deacons

**Today's flowers** are given by Jim & Carolyn Mullen, in celebration of the marriage of Zach Mullen and Julie Chmelikova on September 1st!

**Family Promise** We are again partnering with Sacred Heart for Family Promise, starting today. There are opportunities to help throughout the week. Please see Gretchen Pfueller for more info.

**Godly Play** The Circle of the Church Year: This lesson sets the context for the whole year. Each year, the Christian people move through a circle of memory and expectation to open themselves to the elusive presence of God. This week you can bring Godly Play home by asking your child about the circle they are bringing home, and what the different colors represent.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Weekly Prayer Practice**

### **For the week of September 9, 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**

Direct and help us, O Lord,  
in all our deeds,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued, and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally, by your mercy,  
obtain everlasting life;  
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**

Psalm 15

Matthew 5:9-10

## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES (SEPTEMBER 10-SEPTEMBER 16)

<b>Monday</b>	4pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am Staff Meeting 10:15am Yoga 7pm Bhm Community Chorus 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am Worship committee 7pm South Hill Neighborhood Association
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir
<b>Friday</b>	12pm Prime Timers 4pm St. James Fitness
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am Weavers Guild

### Next Sunday

9am Adult Church School  
10:30am Worship

### 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

### 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.

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

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### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

