



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Relinquish Tomorrow & Receive Today, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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### 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 the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: the Glory to God hymnal (GTG), and The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through 3 years and Godly Play is available for children ages 4 through middle school.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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#### PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### \*OPENING WORDS

Christian Beaty, Lector

We dare to worship, for we have seen:

**We have seen the waters parted and walked upon dry land.**

We dare to worship, for we have heard:

**We have heard the mighty voice and the whisper small and still.**

We dare to worship, for we have tasted:

**We have tasted the bread of life and the sweetness of God's grace.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great God of Every Blessing" - GTG #694

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have called us to serve your Word with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Too often our energy fades, and we waste our intelligence. We do not have the time for imagination or the patience for love. Your hope is abundant and your truth steadfast, yet we cannot trust the depth of your grace. Forgive us, God of mercy, and move us to know the goodness of your reign. 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**

Christian Beaty

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 66:1-12, p. 528

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Ain't That Good News"  
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

### **SERMON READING**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, p. 731

### **SERMON**

"Relinquish Tomorrow & Receive Today"

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

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"  
FWS 2171

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

### **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" - GTG #717

**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**

"O Christ, Surround Me" - GTG #543

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

### **\*BLESSING & CHARGE**

#### **POSTLUDE**

Luke Arnold

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*As our worship concludes, 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, October 20th: Jeremiah 31:27-34,  
Relinquish Old Mistakes & Receive A New Law**

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

Lector: Christian Beaty  
Head Usher: Martha Speer  
Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor  
Coffee Hour: Deacons  
Flowers: Rick and Jean Seater

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## **GODLY PLAY: EXODUS**

In this story, we see that God was with the People as they “went out” (the literal meaning of the word exodus) from slavery into freedom through the water. The People of God look back to this time to sustain them when God is hidden and they feel lost. For the Jews, especially, the Feast of Passover keeps alive this core event. For Christians, Baptism reawakens this event.

## **BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME**

In the story told in Godly Play the story is "telescoped" so as not to distract the children from the primary narrative. At home, you can talk about the story of Joseph and his brothers (Gen 42). You can also talk about the different plagues, as in the story instead of listing them it simply says "many strange things happened in the land,".

## **GAME NIGHT TONIGHT!**

Everyone is welcome to join in a fun evening of board games and pizza tonight from 5-7 in the Horizon Room. Bring your favorite game to share. Suggested \$5 donation for pizza.

## **PROVIDING WARMTH TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Interfaith Coalition's annual winter warmth drive provides warm outerwear for everyone from babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats to worship services through October 13th. If you are a knitter, handmade hats and scarves are also cherished. For many of our neighbors, this program means they won't need to spend limited income on a winter coat or do without.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH LUNCH**

Sunday, October 27, 11:45am, in the Fellowship Hall is the annual Parish Lunch. Have lunch with your Deacons and parish members. Everything will be provided by the Deacons.

## **GOSPEL CDs AT ST. JAMES LIBRARY**

The library at St. James is missing or misplaced some gospel CDs. Please contact Cheryl McGregor if you know where they are or need to return some. Thank you.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Oct 14 - Oct 20, 2019

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Tuesday, 10/15	10:15am Yoga
Wednesday, 10/16	8:30-10:00am Toddler Time 10:00am Grief Support Group
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Friday, 10/18	4:00pm St. James Fitness
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## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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**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

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**Bellingham Community Chorus:** 6:30pm, Tuesdays

**Overeaters Anon:** 10:00am, Saturdays

**WA Gender Alliance:** 7:30pm, Tuesdays

**You Are Not Alone (YANA):** 6:00pm, 2nd Monday

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