



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Relinquish Old Mistakes & Receive A New Law

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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

Merry Thomas, Lector

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
**and let us observe it to the end.**

Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,  
**and observe it with our whole hearts.**

Turn our hearts to your decrees,  
**and not to selfish gain.**

Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;  
**give us life in your ways.**

Confirm to your servants your promise,  
**and let us worship you.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shall We Gather at the River” - GTG #375

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution;  
when we trade justice for convenience;  
when we doubt whether you are real enough,  
whether we are good enough,  
whether your love is strong enough  
to overcome the destructive powers of our world.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and move us to know your transformative grace.  
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**

Merry Thomas

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 119:97-104, p. 568

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Joshua's Battle"  
arr. Greg Gilpin

#### **SERMON READING**

Jeremiah 31:27-34, p. 735

#### **SERMON**

"Relinquish Old Mistakes & Receive A New Law"

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

### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Rev. Seth Thomas  
Tricia and Spencer Bravener  
Glory and Brian Johnson

### **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

GTG, pg.35

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"The Days are Surely Coming" - GTG #357

### **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**

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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 27th:  
Relinquish Scarcity & Receive Spirit, Joel 2:23-32**

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**PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Lector: Merry Thomas  
Head Usher: Martha Speer  
Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor  
Coffee Hour: Deacons  
Flowers: Dick and Kay Carr

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**ST. JAMES STAFF**

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## **GODLY PLAY: WORK DAY**

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## **BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME**

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## **NEXT WEEK!**

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## **WORK THAT RECONNECTS WORKSHOP**

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Friday, 10/25	4:00pm St. James Fitness
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