



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 3, 2019

"A New Way Is Coming" - The Prophets, The Righteous Live By Faith

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, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brian Johnson, Lector

Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.
In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.
**You are our hiding place, O Lord;
You preserve us from trouble
and surround us with glad cries of deliverance**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Let's Sing Unto the Lord" - GTG #669

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are righteous, O God,
and your law is truth.
Yet we struggle to be faithful
and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy.**

[Please pause for a moment of silent confession]

**Forgive us again, O God;
keep covenant with us, as you have promised,
and soothe our aching souls,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Seth Thomas

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

Brian Johnson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:137-144, p. 570

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Notturmo Op. 50 No. 4"

Luke Arnold

SERMON READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, p. 871-872

SERMON

"The Righteous Live By Faith"

Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"How Long, O God Will My Prayers..."

GTG #779

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Luke Arnold

***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** Rev. Seth Thomas

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 Rev. Seth Thomas

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.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "We Are God's People" FWS 2220

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE** Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE Luke Arnold

*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 Sunday, November 10th: I Will Restore My House,
Haggai 1:15-2:9**

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lector: Brian Johnson

Sacristan: Faye Hill

Head Usher: Bill Read

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Flowers: Merry Thomas

Communion Servers: Kate Haworth, Jenny Sue LeSchander,
Gale Pfueller and Gretchen Pfueller

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Tuesday, Wednesdays 9:00am-12:00pm

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GODLY PLAY

The Ark and the Tent: Moses experienced God's presence on Mt. Sinai, but also in the tent of meeting. In addition, God's presence was in—or more likely seated on—a throne above the ark of YHWH (a box or chest that contained at least the tablets of the commandments, and possibly the rod of Aaron and a vessel of manna). This story describes how the two traditions of the tent and the ark came together in the tabernacle.

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GRATEFUL BOOK STUDY

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SUPPORTING LOWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

St. James is once again partnering with Lowell Elementary school to provide volunteers and snacks. Please bring any individually wrapped, nut-free snacks to put in the shopping cart in the narthex. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tracy Caruso.

ST. JAMES TO HOST WSMTA FALL YOUTH RECITAL

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ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

November 4 - 10th, 2019

Monday, 11/4	3:45pm St. James Fitness 5:15pm Tai Chi
Tuesday, 11/5	6:15pm Finance Committee 10:15am Yoga 4:30pm Congregational Life 5:30pm Building & Grounds Committee
Wednesday, 11/6	8:30-10am Toddler Time
Thursday, 11/7	10:15am Yoga 6:30pm St. James Bell Choir 7:30pm St. James Chancel Choir
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Saturday, 11/9	7:30pm Music Teachers' Association Recital
Next Sunday, 11/10	9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship Service 12:00pm Session 6:30pm Gratitude Book Study

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm, Mondays

AI Anon: 5:30pm, Tuesdays

AA SOS Men's Group: 6:00pm, Wednesdays

AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm, Thursdays and Sundays

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