



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21, 2020

"Following a Dying Leader into Life", Romans 6:1b-11

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. We would love to connect with you and support you in this strange season.

Please visit www.saintjamespres.org/contact to share how we can be of support in this season!

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls;
to you we offer our lives.

**For you are good and forgiving,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

In heaven, on earth, there is none like you.

Your works are beyond compare.

For you are great; you work wonders.

You alone are God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - GTG #39

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the sparrow, you tell us that the very hairs on our heads are counted. You assure us of our value in your sight and promise to never abandon us. Yet we act out of a spirit of timidity and not courage. We live as if our discipleship does not have life or death consequences for ourselves and for others. We keep silent when we should speak, and say much that ought not ever leave our lips. Forgive us, we pray, for the times we allowed injustice to go unchecked and inequity to persist without even a word of protest.

In your mercy forgive what we have done and left undone. Help us to acknowledge Christ in all our actions so that he will acknowledge us before you in heaven. 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

Jenny Sue LeSchander

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24–39

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Romans 6:1b-11

SERMON

"Following a Dying Leader into Life"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Incline Your Ear, O Lord to Me" - GTG #844

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Irish Ho-Hoane" - Anonymous
Jim Gresham

DOXOLOGY

**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

"There is a New Creation" - GTG #774

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 in a chat room. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.

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**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING IS CLOSED DUE TO THE
CORVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL
ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.
CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

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GODLY PLAY: PAUL'S DISCOVERY

This lesson presents the story of Paul's discovering the power of the Holy Spirit. This week we will look at the final 3 scenes from Paul's life.

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

Send answers to the wondering questions and any work to Tracy @ tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, June 21st, the lectionary texts are:

Matthew 10:24-39 (worship)

Romans 6:1b-11 (preaching)

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

JOIN ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB THIS MONDAY!

St. James Book Club is currently reading *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict.

With captivating insight and stunning heart, *CARNEGIE'S MAID* tells the story of the brilliant woman who spurred Andrew's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

We will be meeting Monday evening July 20th at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us please email Tracy Caruso

tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

CHURCH BUILDING ACCESS

The St. James Presbyterian church building is CLOSED. Please do not access the church building unless you have permission from the committee or staff members. While the building is undergoing essential renovations new door codes for staff and groups will be updated. More information will be released after the renovations. Thank you for your patience.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

June 22nd - June 28th

Attention: all church activities have moved to on-line forums where applicable. Contact your group leader for details.

Monday-Friday 9:00am Daily Prayer- Streamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

Next Sunday, 6/28 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

**ALL GROUPS MEETING IN OUR BUILDING ARE
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER FOR
ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION**

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

AI-Anon: 5:30pm, Tuesdays

Bellingham Community Chorus: 6:30pm, Tuesdays

Overeaters Anon: 10:00am, Saturdays

WA Gender Alliance: 7:30pm, Thursdays

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

Bayside Co-op Preschool, Mon - Fri

Boy Scouts Troop 7, Every Monday night except for school holidays

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