



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Romans 9:1-5

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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. We would love to connect with you and support you in this strange season. Please visit [www.saintjamespres.org/contact](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share how we can be of support in this season!

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#### **PRELUDE**

Luke Arnold

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lindsay Anderson, Lector

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.**

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have  
avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

**Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who  
seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"How Firm a Foundation" - GTG #463

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**Compassion Camp - Session Four Introduction**

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**

Lindsay Anderson

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 55:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON READING**

Romans 9:1-5

**SERMON**

Kyle Anderson

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**OFFERTORY**

"Beside Still Waters"  
Dave and Pat Nelson

**\*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**

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 & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**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**

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"  
GTG #837

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

**\*BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**POSTLUDE**

Luke Arnold

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*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](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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## **COMPASSION CAMP SESSION FOUR: ALONG THE WAY**

Compassion helps us be present with each other. When we follow God's Spirit - which is always on the move - and are open to the people we encounter along the way, they can experience God's Spirit through our care. Through the testimony of Ruth, Orpah, and Naomi, children will witness how compassion involves deep trust, an open mind, and a soft heart. Children will learn that being present with each other asks us to let go of our expectations, be flexible, and trust the Spirit, as we seek to lead compassionate lives

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, Aug 2nd, the lectionary texts are:

Isaiah 55:1-5 (worship)

Romans 9:1-5 (preaching)

Psalm 17:1-7

Genesis 32:22-31

Matthew 14:13-21

## **ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR JULY**

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](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

## **PRE-SERVICE BOOK DISCUSSION CONTINUES IN AUGUST**

Please join us for study and discussion on the book *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, the New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

Discussions are at 9:00am on the Sunday worship Zoom link and follow the schedule listed:

August 2: Ch. 7 - 9

August 9: Ch. 10 - 12

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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**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              10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service  
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

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## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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**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

**Al-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

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions**

**Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County**