



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Born of Empire, Groaning in Hope, Adopted By God: Romans 8:12-25

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.

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Johnson, Lector

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" - GTG #435

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, we are quick to judge others, certain we know what is weed and what is wheat around us, even as we fail to see within us that which does not bear good fruit. We confirm our biases, listen only to those who agree with us, and assume You will equate with our own. We confess that we do not like to acknowledge the many ways we fail to follow your commandment to love you and our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray, for forgetting that everyone is created in your image and therefore worthy of our compassion. In your mercy, amend what we are and shape us into the people you call us to be. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

COMPASSION CAMP - SESSION TWO 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

Brian Johnson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Romans 8:12-25

SERMON

"Born of Empire, Groaning in Hope, Adopted By God"

Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"There is a Redeemer" - GTG #443

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

"In The Garden" - Dave and Pat Nelson

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

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
GTG #350

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.*

**Next Week: The Voyage Home: Romans
Nothing...Nothing Stops the Spirit: Romans 8:26-39**

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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.
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SESSION 2: TO THE NEIGHBOR

Compassion helps us be brave. To be brave is letting God help us see and reach out to our neighbor. When we reach out to our neighbor, we experience the miracle of God's power to restore and make our community whole. Through the gospel story of friends bringing their friend on a mat to Jesus, the children will witness how compassion often requires risk. Children will learn the ways compassion calls for focus - we keep our eyes on Jesus, even as others might misunderstand or judge our actions

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, July 19th, the lectionary texts are:

Isaiah 44:6–8 (worship)

Romans 8:12-25 (preaching)

Genesis 28:10-19a

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB MEETS MONDAY, 7:00PM!

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.

ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

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. If you would like Pastor Seth to order you a copy of the book, please contact him this week.

Discussions begin on Sunday, July 19th at 9:00 am on the Sunday worship zoom link and follow the schedule listed:

July 19: Intro through Ch. 3

July 26: Ch. 4 - 6

August 2: Ch. 7 - 9

August 9: Ch. 10 - 12

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

July 20th - July 26th

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/>

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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