



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Therefore, Come Home: Romans 8:1-11

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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.*

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#### PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alice Bailey, Lector

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.**

Happy are those whom you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

"What Is This Place" - GTG #404  
Jim Gresham

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, too often we speak without pausing to seek your wisdom. We assume our own goodness and fail to question our limited knowledge and understanding. We hurt others with our hasty, often well-intended, words and actions. We falsely believe our ways are your ways and condemn those who disagree with us. In this tumultuous time, turn us toward you. Remove the scales from our eyes and give us ears to hear your guidance. Do not let our need for earthly approval sway our commitment to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Forgive our failings. Take our faltering attempts at faithfulness and use them to lead us to your paths of righteousness. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

### **INTRODUCTION TO COMPASSION CAMP**

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**

Alice Bailey

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 119:105–112

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON READING**

Romans 8:1–11

### **SERMON**

"Therefore, Come Home"  
Rev. Seth Thomas

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Thy Word is a Lamp into My Feet" - GTG #458

## **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**

**"Jesu, Joy of Many's Desiring" by J.S. Bach  
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 "Light Dawns on a Weary World" - GTG #79**

## **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.*

**Next Week: The Voyage Home: Romans  
Born of Empire, Groaning in Hope, Adopted By God: Romans 8:12-25**

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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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## **SESSION 1: AT THE TABLE**

Compassion helps us see and welcome. To see and welcome is how we accept one another. When we gather together at the table, we accept each other in the same way God accepts us. Children will practice recognizing and sharing in the feelings of others as well as connecting with their own bodies/emotions. Through the parable of the father and the two brothers in Luke 15:11-32, children will witness how compassion empowers us to release any anger and judgment we may hold toward others, ourselves, and the world for not being what we wanted or needed. Children will learn how compassion inspires seeing, forgiveness, and welcoming.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, July 12th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 119:105-112 (worship)

Romans 8:1-11 (preaching)

Genesis 25:19-34

Matthew 13:1-9

## **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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

July 13th - July 19th

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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

**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

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions**

**Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County**