



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 16, 2020

"Sabbatical: The Seventh Year Stretch" - Rev. Greg Ellis

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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

May God be gracious to us and bless us and  
make his face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge  
the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;  
**let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"God Welcomes All" - GTG #399

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of all people, we come before you this day keenly aware of the ways we fall short of your vision for us and for our life together. You tell us how good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity, and yet we create division and cultivate disdain. You command us to care for each other, but we send away those crying out for help. You call us and put us together in community, but we want to pick and choose those with whom we associate. Forgive us for thinking we are self-sufficient and independent, rather than utterly dependent upon you and in need of each other. Help us to see ourselves and others as the beloved reflections of the divine we are and give us the grace to treat each other as such. Amen.**

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

### **COMPASSION CAMP WRAP UP**

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**

Exodus 20:8-11, Exodus 23:10-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON READING**

Leviticus 25:1-7, Jeremiah 34:12-17

### **SERMON**

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### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"In Christ, There is No East or West"  
GTG #317

# 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

"He's Everything to Me"  
Dave and Pat Nelson

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Take My Life" - GTG #697

## 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, August 23rd:  
"Jubilee, Jesus, and Justice" - Rev. Doug Bunnell**

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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 WRAP UP**

A huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helped with and participated in our first ever online Vacation Bible School. Please give Luke Arnold and Rory Anderson a huge round of applause for their amazing music and yoga contributions! Today's wrap up video and all previous videos can still be found at [www.saintjamespres.org/compassion-camp](http://www.saintjamespres.org/compassion-camp).

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, Aug 16th, the lectionary texts are:

Exodus 20:8-11, 23:10-11 (worship)

Leviticus 25:1-7,

Jeremiah 34:12-17 (preaching)

Psalm 1133

Genesis 45:1-15

Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

## **THIS MONDAY! ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB**

St. James Book Club is currently reading *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* By David Brooks. Everybody tells you to live for a cause larger than yourself, but how exactly do you do it? The author of *The Road to Character* explores what it takes to lead a meaningful life in a self-centered world.

We will be meeting this Monday evening on August 17th @ 7:00PM.

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

## **NEW BOOK STUDY ON RACE COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

On September 13, we will begin another Zoom book study on the topic of Race, reading Austin Channing Brown's "I'm Still Here". Pick up a copy and join us at 9:00AM on Zoom, using the Worship Service link to join early.

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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

**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**