



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Jubilee, Jesus, and Justice - Luke 4:16-21

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

Lector

As one body we have many members,
each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers,
artists and advocates, consolers, and caregivers.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
With thanksgiving, we offer our varied gifts
in service to Christ, who makes us one.
Let us glorify the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - GTG #438

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we grow hardhearted, seeing each other as competing for scarce resources rather than one human family created and cared for by you, our God of infinite abundance. We conform easily to the ways of the world, striving endlessly for those things that do not satisfy, practicing greed and participating in systems that hurt people and creation. You call us to another way, the way of Christ

Jesus our Lord, a way of compassion and justice, love and service. You offer us a life of joy and grace, mercy and redemption, readily available to us when we repent and seek you and your righteousness first. We turn to you now, forgive and free us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso, Claire Alarid

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25:8-17, 35-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Luke 4:16-21

SERMON

"Jubilee, Jesus, and Justice"
Rev. Doug Bunnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
GTG #353

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

"Canterbury Pilgrim"
Jim Gresham

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

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, August 30th:
"House Rules: Love" - Romans 12:9-21**

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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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GODLY PLAY: THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

In the next two weeks, we will return briefly to our Godly Play parables with recordings of the stories and messages from our Godly Play Teachers Claire and Lucy.

The Parable of the Leaven. Jerome Berryman says that “it is important for children to encounter parables during childhood so they can develop the ability to hear with their own ears what Jesus was communicating when he spoke in parables.” Our parable boxes use 2-dimensional materials to help reiterate that these are Jesus’s words and stories to us. The wondering questions used for parable lessons are designed to encourage children to see that there are deeper meanings in the parables than what they might initially encounter.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, Aug 23rd, the lectionary texts are:

Leviticus 25:8-17, 35-43 (worship)

Luke 4:16-21 (preaching)

Psalm 124

Exodus 1: 8-2: 10

Matthew 16: 13-20

Romans 12:1-8

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

St. James Book Club is currently reading *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonseo Lee. It is an extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships - and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

We will be meeting Monday evening on September 21st @ 7:00. Email 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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

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

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

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