



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Time for an Intermission: Sabbath, Sabbatical, and Jubilee

Sabbath: That Would Be Enough, Matthew 12:1-14

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

OPENING WORDS

Mark Beaty, Lector

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord;
tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and God's strength;
seek God's presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done,
God's miracles, and the judgments the Lord uttered,
O offspring of God's servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" - GTG #393

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of wind and waves, creation and creatures, your power is at work everywhere, stilling the storms, offering peace, lifting us up

from the depths of our greatest fears. You come to us immediately when we call and yet we still lack faith in your ability and will to work within and around us. We get distracted and afraid, focused on that which threatens us rather than the One who saves us. We act out of a sense of scarcity as if there is not enough of God's love, grace, and abundant goodness for everyone. In our anxiousness we hurt those entrusted to our care, we injure the earth we are to steward and we fail to tend your sheep. Forgive our failings and mistakes and in your mercy reform us into the people you call us to be, those blessed to be a blessing. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

COMPASSION CAMP - SESSION FIVE 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

Mark Beaty

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 12:1-14

SERMON

"Sabbath: That Would Be Enough"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"To God Be the Glory" - GTG #634

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"O God, You Are My God" - GTG #743

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: Time for an Intermission: Sabbath, Sabbatical, and Jubilee.
Rev. Doug Bunnell - Jubilee, Jesus, and Do-Overs, Luke 4:16-21**

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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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SESSION 5: COMPASSION GIVES US A FRESH START

By creating fresh starts, we work with God to care for all and participate in the holy work of renewal so all may joyfully gather at the table together, receiving God's abundance. Through hearing God's instruction in Leviticus 25, the children will learn the meaning and history of "Jubilee." Children will see how to rest/sabbath, fresh starts, and taking care of one another are all important forms of compassion and justice.

DON'T FORGET!

Please remember to send photos or videos of Compassion Camp participation to tracy@saintjamespres.org by Thursday, August 13th!

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, Aug 9th, the lectionary texts are:

Exodus 20:8-11 (worship)

Matthew 12:1-14 (preaching)

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14:22-33

Romans 10:5-15

NEW BOOK FOR 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 Monday evening August 17th @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

SUNDAY MORNING 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.

The last discussion on this book is this Sunday at 9:00am on the Sunday worship Zoom link, discussing the final chapters 10 - 12. A new book will be introduced during this book study time.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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

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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