



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2020

"House Rules: Humility" Romans 14:1-12

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

Our God is majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters,
prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire
to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" - GTG #183

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace
when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly
turned away from you.**

**Why are we slow
to show the same mercy to others?
We keep track of wrongs
and cling to old hurts,
rather than offering the forgiveness
that could free others and ourselves.
We strive to be more faithful, Lord;
we want to be more loving.
So, we kneel before you once again
to ask for patience and grace.
Transform us, we pray.
Pour out your mercy upon us,
until it flows forth from us
through acts of love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:8-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

"House Rules: Humility"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"
FWS #2131

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

"Morning Has Broken"
Jim Gresham & Merry Thomas

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Shout to the North" - GTG #319

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, September 20th:
"Agitating the Privileged" - Matthew 20:1-16 & Jonah 3:10-4:11**

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CORVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL
ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.
CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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GODLY PLAY

The Circle of the Church Year: This lesson sets the context for the whole year. Each year, the Christian people move through a circle of memory and expectation to open themselves to the elusive presence of God.

GODLY PLAY PARENT PAGE

With your child, explore the Parent Page emailed to you. If you need a copy please email Tracy @ tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, September 13th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 103: 8-13 (worship)

Romans 14:1-12 (preaching)

Psalm 114

Exodus 15:1b-11

Matthew 18: 21-35

NEW BOOK STUDY FOR SEPTEMBER

On **September 13th**, 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. More information coming soon.

JOIN US FOR ST. JAMES FACEBOOK SOCIAL HOUR

Join us on Wednesday evening **September 16th**. We will be hosting a Facebook Social Hour at 7:00. Come join in and see how everyone is doing. We will be trying out the Facebook meeting rooms for this and can be accessed through our St. James Facebook page.

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 @ 7:00pm**.

Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

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
AA Men's Book Study Group
AA SOS Men's Group
Al-Anon
Bellingham Community Chorus
Overeaters Anon
WA Gender Alliance
You Are Not Alone (YANA)**

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