



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 2020

"House Rules: Grace", Romans 13:8-14

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 in this season!

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tracy Caruso, Lector

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here.

Calling us to the water,
beckoning us to the feast,

Christ is here.

Speaking to our souls,
listening to our prayers,

Christ is here.

Binding us as one body,
sending us out in service,

Christ is here.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Almighty God" (McCracken)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
You teach us to seek reconciliation
with those who have wronged us;
for, above all else,
we are to love one another.
But we let resentment smolder
until anger flares,
destroying any chance of peace.
We blame others and refuse to repent.
Grant us grace, we pray.
Make space in our wounded hearts
for the possibility of forgiveness,
and teach us to turn toward others in love
as you have turned toward us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Seth Thomas

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

Tracy Caruso

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:33-40

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

SERMON READING

Romans 13:8-14

SERMON

"House Rules: Grace"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
GTG #203

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Seth Thomas

OFFERTORY

"Grace" arr. Hayes
Jim Gresham

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Seth Thomas

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Seth Thomas

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!" - GTG #744

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 13th:
"House Rules: Humility" Romans 14:1-12**

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LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, September 6th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 119:33-40 (worship)

Romans 13: 8-14 (preaching)

Psalm 149

Exodus 12: 1-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR SEPTEMBER

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.

NEW BOOK STUDY 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
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)**

**Bayside Co-op Preschool
Boy Scouts Troop 7
Hawthorne Learning Solutions
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County**