



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11, 2020

"Who Me? I'm Invited?" - Matthew 22:1-14 & Isaiah 25:1-9

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

Alice Bailey, Lector

Come, all who hunger for good news.
We thirst for words of hope and healing.
Come, from rural road and city street.
We gather at the King's invitation.
Come, join the celebration.
Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" - GTG #363

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Extravagant God,
you invite us to your table in the kingdom of heaven.
But we do not take our place at the feast.
We say, "We have more important things to do,"
and turn back to labors
that threaten to consume us.
Beckon us again, we pray,
that we may respond with gratitude.
In your mercy, gather us in

that we might experience the joy of your kingdom
and taste the abundance of your grace.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

Alice Bailey

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"Who Me? I'm Invited?"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"
GTG #506

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"On the Willows"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT "O for a Closer Walk with God" - GTG #739

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

*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, October 18th:
"Caesar's Coin, Cyrus' Grip, and Public Faith"
Matthew 22:15-22 & Isaiah 45:1-7**

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CORVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL
ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.
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GODLY PLAY: THE GREAT FAMILY

We continue to seek the elusive presence of God. God was present at creation, blessing all that was made. Noah walked with God and was led by God's presence to build the ark that preserved life. Now Abraham and Sarah discover that God is present everywhere, putting their lives on the line to test the promises of God.

BRING GODLY PLAY HOME

Try the activities that were sent via email and send pictures of your work and answers to any wondering questions to tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, October 11th, the lectionary texts are:

Isaiah 25:1-9 (worship)

Matthew 22:1-14 (preaching)

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Exodus 32:1-14, 7-9

Philippians 4:1-9

BOOK STUDY "I'M STILL HERE"

Join us for a Zoom book study on the topic of Race. We are reading Austin Channing Brown's "I'm Still Here". Pick up a copy and join us Sundays at 9:00AM on Zoom, using the Worship Service link to join early.

- October 11: Chapters 8, 9 (and interlude "How to survive racism in an organization that claims to be anti-racist")
- October 18: Chapters 10, 11, 12 (and interlude "A letter to my son")
- October 25: Chapters 13, 14

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PACKETS DUE NOVEMBER 1ST

St. James is launching our annual Stewardship Campaign. We will be distributing hard copies of the stewardship materials, but if you would prefer an electronic packet instead, please let us know by completing this form today. If you would like to stick with the hard copy, then you do not need to fill out this form. Please email Marina McLeod at stjamestreasurer.bham@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Here is the link to the form: <https://forms.gle/CEvjkrCvPL2ngnk99>

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
Boy Scouts Troop 7
Overeaters Anon
WA Gender Alliance
You Are Not Alone (YANA)

Bayside Co-op Preschool (back in session)
Hawthorne Learning Solutions (back in session)
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County (back in the office)