



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25, 2020

"Who Is Lord?" - Matthew 22:34-46 & Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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

Lindsay Anderson, Lector

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Drawn by love, we come,
to offer our whole selves in Christ's service.

Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" - GTG #305

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we know this, your Greatest Commandment:
love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind;
love your neighbor as yourself.

**These words dwell in our hearts
and rest on our lips.**

And, yet, we are so slow to act upon them.

When we encounter neighbors in need
we are quick to pass judgment,
even though love demands empathy.
We see your children suffering,
but are too busy, too weary to respond,
even though love demands compassion.
We see unjust systems that strip others of dignity
but believe we are powerless to effect change,
even though love demands action.
And whenever we do not treat our neighbors
as we ourselves would hope to be treated,
we do not love you fully.
Forgive us, Lord.
**Transform our hearts,
restore our souls,
and renew our minds,
so that we might be faithful
to your commandments. 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

Lindsay Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

"Who Is Lord?"
Rev. Seth Thomas

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

"The Potter's Wheel"
Jim Gresham

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"
GTG #766

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, November 1st: Parables & Prophets
"The Servant Leader" - Election Week -
Matthew 23:1-12 & Micah 3:5-12

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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.
CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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GODLY PLAY: WORK DAY

A work day is a Sunday when the students don't hear a story. During our typical Sunday morning time there is often not enough time for some of our art responses or to explore all they want to in the classroom so we have work days where the children are able to more fully engage in the "Play" part of Godly Play.

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 25th, the lectionary texts are:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (worship)

Matthew 22:34-46 (preaching)

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

NEW BOOK! ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR NOVEMBER

St. James Book Club is currently reading Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory.

We will be meeting Monday evening November 16th @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

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
Bellingham Community Chorus
Boy Scouts Troop 7
Happy Hour AI-Anon
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)