



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Matthew 21:33-46 & Isaiah 5:1-7

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. Kyle Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Johnson, Lector

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the Creator's handiwork.
They have no speech, they use no words,
yet their witness goes out through all the earth.
Let us join the chorus of creation;
let us raise our voices in resounding praise.
**May the words of our mouths
and the songs of our hearts
be pleasing to the Lord!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation" - GTG #463

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kyle Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Covenant,
long ago you gave us the law
to guide us in the ways of righteousness.
When we wandered, you called prophets
to beckon us toward faithfulness.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son
to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you.

**But, time and again, we reject your gift of grace.
We bow before the false gods of our world
and forget your command to serve the least of these.
We fill our days with self-serving agendas or trivial tasks
and neglect to nurture our relationship with you.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths.
Root out habits that separate us from you
and sow within us seeds of mercy and love
so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kyle Anderson

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

Brian Johnson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

SERMON READING

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Anderson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

**"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"
GTG #458**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Kyle Anderson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"On the Willows"

Jim Gresham

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Kyle Anderson

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

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

"Be Thou My Vision" - GTG #450

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Kyle Anderson

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, October 11th: Parables & Prophets
"Who Me? I'm Invited?" - Matthew 22:1-14 & Isaiah 25:1-9**

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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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GODLY PLAY: THE FLOOD AND THE ARK

In this lesson, we move with the people of God from the creation to the re-creation and God's promise to Noah, to God's family, and to us.

BRINGING 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 4th, the lectionary texts are:

Isaiah 5:1-7 (worship)

Matthew 21:33-46 (preaching)

Psalm 19

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9

Philippians 3:4b-14

“I’M STILL HERE” BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

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 4: Chapters 5, 6, 7 (and interlude “Why I love being a black girl”)
- October 11: Chapters 8, 9 (and interlude “How to survive racism in an organization that claims to be antiracist”)
- October 18: Chapters 10, 11, 12 (and interlude “A letter to my son”)
- October 25: Chapters 13, 14

COAT DRIVE EXTENDED TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Please bring your gently used or new Winter Coats and warm outerwear to the church. Coats are needed for all ages. A large plastic bin is located on the lower level of the church outside the kitchen door. We ask that all items be clean and placed inside of plastic bags due to COVID 19 restrictions. Thank you so much for helping those members of our community who need our support. Contact Gena Gustafson at 253-677-6006 if you have any questions or need help getting your donations to the church.

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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