



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Matthew 25:14-30 & Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

Faye Hill, Lector

Lift up your eyes to the Lord—
the exalted one, who is enthroned in the heavens.

**Seeking compassion, seeking grace,
we look to the Lord, the giver of mercy.**

Pour into God's temple;
draw near to the king of creation.

We worship the Lord of heaven and earth!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" - GTG #799

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have made us
stewards of your creation
and commissioned us to carry out
your work to the best of our ability.
But we have not served you with energy,
intelligence, imagination, and love.
We withhold our gifts and live in fear.
Have mercy upon us, we pray.

**Make us bold to use our talents
for the sake of your kingdom,
until you come in glory. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso, Claire Alarid

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

Faye Hill

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

"Making the Most of the Time We Have"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Soon and Very Soon" - GTG #384

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 Green Cathedral"
Dave and Pat Nelson, Jim Gresham

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
GTG #687

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 22nd:
"Glory to Christ: Love, Serve, and Witness"
Reign of Christ - Matthew 25:31-46 & Ezekiel 34:11-16**

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**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING IS CLOSED DUE TO THE
CORVID-19 PHASE 2 STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE
MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.**

CONTACT pastor@saintjamespres.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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<https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

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GODLY PLAY: THE ARK AND THE TEMPLE

In this story, we see a continuation of the travels the tablets of the commandments took. We see a new way of thinking for the people of God in regard to the experience of God's presence.

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, November 15th, the lectionary texts are:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (worship)

Matthew 25:14-30 (preaching)

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Judges 4:1-7

THIS MONDAY! ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

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.

HOLIDAY JOY PROGRAM

Please help the St. James Youth Group and Interfaith Coalition bring a little Holiday Joy to some children and families in need this year! This year all gifts need to be in the form of a gift card in the amount of \$20-\$40 to Fred Meyer, Target, or Yeagers. To participate you can use the link below to sign up, send a check to St. James with "Holiday Joy" in the memo, or contact tracy@saintjamespres.org for more information.

Gifts must be received by November 27th. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAA92DAAF8C16-holiday>

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)