



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, January 10, 2021

God with us...Creator Out of Chaos - Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11

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### **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](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share how we can be of support.*

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#### **PRELUDE**

Luke Arnold

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alice Bailey, Lector

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

**"It is good."**

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

**"It is good."**

In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

**"It is good."**

Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,  
**calling us closer to all that is good.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" - GTG #15

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God whose spirit moved over the waters,  
you have washed us in your mercy,  
claimed us as your own,  
bound us in community,  
and called us to lives of baptismal grace.  
Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived**

as if we were your baptized people.  
We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness.  
We prioritize our own selfish interests.  
We are slow to disrupt the status quo,  
even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.  
Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,  
lead us back to your waters of transformation. 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**

Psalm 29

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON READING**

Mark 1:4-11, Genesis 1:1-5

### **SERMON**

"God with us...Creator Out of Chaos"  
Rev. Seth Thomas

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" - GTG #286

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Rev. Seth Thomas

### **OFFERTORY**

Luke Arnold

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **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**

"I Bind unto Myself Today" - GTG #6

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS**

## **BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **POSTLUDE**

Luke Arnold

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*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, January 17, 2021**  
**God with us...in Creation - Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11**

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**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING IS IN “PHASE 2” OF THE STATEWIDE COVID-19 MANDATE. ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES. CONTACT [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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## **GODLY PLAY: HOLY BAPTISM**

In this lesson, we learn that Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into the Church. For Christians, this rite is the gateway into the family of families we call the Church. We ask the children to remember or look forward to the day of their baptism by lighting candles from the light of the Christ Candle since this is also the day they receive their “light.”

## **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](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org).

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts.

This week, January 10th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 29 (worship)

Mark 1:4-11 (preaching)

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

## **ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 24TH**

The annual meeting is scheduled following our 1/24 worship service. The meeting will be conducted over the worship Zoom link, which has voting and conversation features that will allow us to conduct our business. Please join the Zoom meeting following worship, or stay on, to participate in this brief meeting.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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**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/>

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## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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**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)