



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, January 17, 2021

God With Us...In the Struggle for Justice, John 1:43-51

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

Sarah Condreay, Lector

Come and see the grace of God,
Christ our teacher and our friend.
Come and see the son of God,
Christ our healer and salvation.
God is moving in this place.
Come and see! Come and see.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" - GTG #69

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant mercy,
you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.
You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.
You loved with boldness and healed with grace.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love:
when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.
Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love:
when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.
Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love,

when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again,
and let your love lead the way. 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

Sarah Condreay

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 1:43-51

SERMON

"God with Us...In the Struggle for Justice"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Lord, Prepare Me" - GTG #701

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
St. James Virtual Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" - GTG #339

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, January 24, 2021
God With Us...When We Wait

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the St. James Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saintjamespres

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GODLY PLAY: PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In this lesson we hear the parable of the Good Shepherd, in which the shepherd searches for his one lost sheep, leaving the other ninety-nine to do so. This parable is often considered more of an identity statement than a parable.

BRING GODLY PLAY HOME

Explore with your student their own experiences with what the parable tells: Being lost & found, your and their own faith in the Good Shepherd, times of good grass and cool water, or times of danger and faith.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, January 17th, the lectionary texts are:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (worship)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51 (sermon)

THIS MONDAY! ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

St. James Book Club is currently reading *The 100-year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*. It is a 2009 comic novel by the Swedish author Jonas Jonasson.

We will be meeting Monday evening January 18th @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Next Sunday 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

Out of consideration for those at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, church meetings and events should be held online or via phone, or email. Meeting in person and indoor meetings/events are currently prohibited. Outdoor meetings/events may have a maximum of 10 people from outside of each household (with a limit of two households), and no food or drink may be served.

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)