



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Flourishing Creation: Forests - Acts 17:22-28, Genesis 2:4b-22

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

Notturmo (Respighi), Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Johnson, Lector

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

People Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, we come into your presence today
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

A planet filled with your presence,

quivering in the forests,

vibrating in the land,

pulsating in the wilderness,

shimmering in the rivers.

God, reveal yourself to us in this place
and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today, we remember and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and that we have violated the forests in our garden planet.

We are sorry.

We have been thoughtless and greedy.

**We have ignored the destruction of our forests,
the death of old-growth giants
and species breathing their last.**

We are sorry.

Healer of Creation, forgive us. 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

Brian Johnson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-28, p.137-138

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Genesis 2:4b-22, p. 2

SERMON

"Flourishing Creation: Forests"

Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

GTG #618

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

Rev. Seth Thomas

OFFERTORY

Andante from Sonata in E Minor (Price)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"
GTG #770

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

Rondo from Trio, FP 43 (Poulenc)
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, April 18, 2021
Flourishing Creation - Land
Psalm 139:7-12, Matthew 13:1-9

SOCIAL DISTANCING REMINDERS

- 1) Enter: center aisle, Exit: side aisles.
- 2) Please stay in place during the service.
- 3) When talking to others, stay 6 feet apart.
- 4) Please don't sing during hymns. Okay to stand and listen. Standing can help move you out of your head and open the creative side of your brain.

- 5) Sit on an "X"; family units may share an "X".
- 6) End of service - go down the side aisles and outside where you may visit briefly.

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St. James Sunday morning worship continues to be held online.

You can access online worship through

our website at www.saintjamespres.org/live,

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

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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.

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

Try the activities that were sent home in your Lent bags 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, April 11th, the lectionary texts are:

Acts 17:22-28 (worship)

Genesis 2:4b-22 (preaching)

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

FAMILY PROMISE SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH

April 26-May 2, St. James partners with our neighbors, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church once again to assist homeless families. The families are currently living in Interfaith Coalition housing during this time of Covid-19 and knowing specific needs in advance is difficult. However, if you are willing to provide dinner for one of the families please contact Gretchen Pfueller at gmpfueller@gmail.com for more information. She will have a list of needs soon.

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email office@saintjamespres.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Attention: all church activities have moved to online 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

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. If an in-person meeting is necessary, please consult our Church Reopening Guidelines and Procedures (<https://saintjamespres.org/reopening>) before contacting the church to schedule.

AA Fairhaven Group

AA Men's Book Study Group

AA SOS Men's Group (in building)

AI-Anon

Bellingham Community Chorus

Boy Scouts Troop 7 (in building)

Overeaters Anon

WA Gender Alliance

You Are Not Alone (YANA)

Bayside Co-op Preschool (in building)

Hawthorne Learning Solutions (in building)

Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County (in building part-time)