



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Flourishing Creation: Mountains - Psalm 48:1-11, Micah 4:1-5

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

"Etude No. 11" (Debussy)
Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Janice Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Hill

In the name of God, who creates mountains,
the name of Christ, crucified on a mountain,
and the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, as we come to into this sanctuary today,
we enter the holy mountain of God.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

This mountain is filled with your presence.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Arise, Your Light is Come!" - GTG 744

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Janice Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today, we remember and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and viewed mountains as little more than tourist spots,
hills for mining uranium and riches,
or a wild beast to be tamed.

**We are sorry.
We have polluted rivers with waste from mountain mines.
We have turned the wonders of the wild into a commodity.
We have killed creatures in the wild with chemicals.
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

Faye Hill

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 48:1-11, p. 518

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Micah 4:1-5, p. 864

SERMON

"Flourishing Creation: Mountains"
Rev. Janice Smith

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Be Still My Soul" - GTG 819

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. Janice Smith

OFFERTORY

“Ubi Caritas” (Snyder)
St James Virtual Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Janice Smith

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore
Thee” - GTG 611

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD’S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Janice Smith

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Assai, from Sonata No. 12”
(Mozart) - Luke Arnold

As our worship concludes, our service begins.

If you’re joining us virtually, we invite you to join us for fellowship in a chat room. If you’re attending in-person worship, we invite you to enjoy socially-distanced fellowship either in the sanctuary or out on the lawn. No matter where you are, please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.

**Next Week, May 23 , 2021
Humanity (Pentecost Sunday)**

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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

or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88335387843>.

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PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

GODLY PLAY: THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE UPPER ROOM

The Synagogue and the Upper Room: In this lesson the synagogue and the upper room are joined together to form a model of Christian worship, the joining of the Old and New Testaments, and much more.

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, May 16th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 48:1-11 (worship)

Micah 4:1-5 (preaching)

Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION.

We are discussing Justin McRoberts and Scott Erickson's book Prayer: Forty Days of Practice. We hope you can all join us at 9:00 am using the Sunday morning worship zoom link. Let Seth or Tracy know if you would like a copy of the book.

VIRTUAL EVENT SUPPORTING INTERFAITH COALITION

Sanctuary: Sounds of Home Saturday, May 22, 7 pm

Local musicians Flip Breskin, Keith Carpenter, Lynn Givler, and Brian Cunningham, and Yankee Drivers, will celebrate Sanctuary: Sounds of Home with an evening of singin' and strummin'. We invite the entire community to foot-stomp along with our free virtual fundraiser and donate to ensure the continued success of our housing programs and the families we serve. For more information go to:

<https://www.interfaith-coalition.org/sounds-of-home>

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB is currently reading *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. The story follows the early life of George Washington "Wash" Black, chronicling his escape from slavery and his subsequent adventures. We will meet Monday evening May17th @ 7:00pm. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

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

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)
Bayside Co-op Preschool (in building)
Bellingham Community Chorus
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG)
Boy Scouts Troop 7 (in building)
Happy Hour Al-Anon (in building)
Hawthorne Learning Solutions (in building)
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County (in building, part-time)
Linda's Tai Chi
Overeaters Anon
South Hill Neighborhood Association
WA Gender Alliance
Whatcom Weavers Guild
You Are Not Alone (YANA)