



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Flourishing Creation: Pentecost Humanity -

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
- St. James Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lindsay Anderson

Do you hear it,

the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?

Do you see it,

the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?

Do you feel it,

God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

The spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" - GTG 280

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For you so loved the world, O God,

that you came among us

to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories.

For you so loved the world, O God,

that you are among us still,

**calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love.
Forgive us when we do not listen, O God:
when we forget the love that you have for us
and the love we are called to share with one another.
Forgive us, three-in-one God,
and let your love transform our lives.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Ryan Knight

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

Lindsay Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, pg 555

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Romans 8:22-27, pg 158

SERMON

"Flourishing Creation: Pentecost Humanity"
Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

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

“Arpeggio, from Chromatic Fantasia” (Bach)
- Luke Arnold

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“We Are One in the Spirit” - GTG 300

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD’S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

“Sonata in D” (M. Álbéniz) - 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 30 , 2021
God Calls (Trinity Sunday)

ST. JAMES STAFF

Pastor: The Rev. Seth J. Thomas, pastor@saintjamespres.org

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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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GODLY PLAY: THE MYSTERY OF PENTECOST

This lesson pairs the story of the Tower of Babel with the story of Pentecost, and completes the cycle of the three great times in the Circle of the Church Year (along with the Mystery of Christmas and the Mystery of Easter.)

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 23rd, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 104:24-34,35b (worship)

Romans 8:22-27 (preaching)

Ezekial 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

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

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

We're currently reading *The Honey Bus: a Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May. An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee.

We will be meeting Monday evening June 21st @ 7:00pm. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

LUKE'S SENIOR RECITAL

Luke's senior recital has moved to Saturday, 5/29. We don't yet have the link for the live stream, but *look for the info in next Saturday's Weekly Announcement email*. We already know it's going to be an amazing performance!

RED ROAD TO DC, BELLINGHAM TOTEM POLE JOURNEY

The Lummi Nation House of Tears Carvers, friends, relatives and allies, welcome you to the Bellingham event for the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to Protect Sacred Sites. Mon, May 24, 2pm - 6:30pm.
Port of Bellingham, Granary Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

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 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. If an in-person meeting is necessary, please consult our Church Reopening Guidelines (<https://saintjamespres.org/reopening>)

AA Fairhaven Group
AA Men's Book Study Group
AA SOS Men's Group (in building)
Bayside Co-op Preschool (in building)
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)
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Overeaters Anon
South Hill Neighborhood Association
WA Gender Alliance
You Are Not Alone (YANA)