



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 30, 2021

God Calls: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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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**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

The voice of the Lord rings out over the waters.

**The love of the Holy Three washes over the world.**

Let us worship the God whose voice flashes fire

**and whose love cannot be bound.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" - GTG 1

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We know that you are a God of abundance,

**and yet often we have been a people of scarcity.**

You have showered us with reasons for praise,

**but we have not always shared your gifts with the world.**

You have granted us opportunities for love,

**and we have responded with cold indifference.**

You have given us chances to be transformed,

**and we have fallen into old, selfish habits.**

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.

**Empower us to know the depth of your grace.**

Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness,  
**until our every movement is an act of praise,**  
our every word a song of thanksgiving,  
**and our every breath a prayer: alleluia.**

## **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**

Jenny Sue LeSchander

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3:1-17, pgs. 93-94

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON READING**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, p. 247

### **SERMON**

"God Calls"

Rev. Seth Thomas

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

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

## **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**

“Nocturne in E-flat” (Chopin) - Luke Arnold

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“Come Thou Fount” - GTG 475

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD’S AMBASSADORS**

**BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**POSTLUDE**

“Intermezzo in A” (Brahms) - Luke Arnold

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*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, June 6, 2021**

**God Responds**

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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](http://www.saintjamespres.org/live)**

**the St. James Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/saintjamespres](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres)**

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

**CONTACT [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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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 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, May 30th, the lectionary texts are:

John 3:1-17 (worship)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (preaching)

Psalm 29

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

## **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 9:00 am 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 @ 7:00. Email [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

## **PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES**

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org).

## 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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**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)  
**Linda's Tai Chi**  
**Overeaters Anon**  
**South Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**WA Gender Alliance**  
**Whatcom Weavers Guild**  
**You Are Not Alone (YANA)**