



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 20, 2021

"God Leads" 1 Samuel 17:32-49

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

"To God Be the Glory" Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Kosa

The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

In the midst of the storms of our lives,

Let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation" - GTG #463

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.

When all around us has given way to chaos,
ground us in your presence.

When the struggle for justice seems endless
and we grow tired,

refresh us by your mercy.

Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,
even when we are certain that it is sinking.

**Forgive us when we doubt the power of your
grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign.**

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 9:9-20, p.493

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

SERMON READING

1 Samuel 17:32-49, p.261-262

SERMON

"God Leads"

Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"When Peace Like a River" - GTG #840

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS 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

"Nobody Shoutin' like Me"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Bless the Lord" (see insert)

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

"Little Waltz" (Delius)

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, June 27, 2021

God Saves - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Pastor Seth will be away on vacation June 25 through July 8.

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office (360-733-1325) or your deacon. Rev. Becca Neimeyer and Rev. Greg Ellis are available for support and Fred Hartsook will be preaching on June 27 at St. James.



The Christian Faith Formation Committee is asking for your help in determining some of our future Adult Education groups. We



would greatly appreciate you filling out a very brief online survey that was sent out this week. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR SUMMER

The church office will begin summer office hours in June. Summer office hours will be:

9:00am-12:00pm Monday - Friday, from June 20 to September 3.

ST. JAMES STAFF

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

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Church Office Hours - Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Church office closed Wednesdays

www.saintjamespres.org

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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People Who Inspire is a collection of stories written to supplement the collection of stories about the saints. This Story, and the others in this collection, serves as an example of a Christian person who inspires us all to strive for justice and respect and the dignity of every human being.

Look at The Child's Own Saint story that was emailed home and have your student write a story of their Own Saint. Email them to tracy@saintjamespres.org

Mark 4:35-41

St. James Book Club is 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 tomorrow, Monday evening June 21st @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.



St. James folks Lindsay Anderson and Corenia Murphy are a part of a new bundle of online courses featured by [Collide Ministries](#) to help support us all with mental health, self-care, and recovery work. Over the course of this difficult pandemic year, we have all become more aware of the need for counseling and therapeutic support. Check out this resource at <https://collide.teachable.com/> and reach out to them or Pastor Seth if you are interested in getting support for yourself or someone you love.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Attention: most 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 AI-Anon
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)