



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 27, 2021

"God Leads" 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

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 Sunken Cathedral" (Debussy) Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Hartsook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alice Bailey

As we gather on this holy day,

we pray for the posture of servants of God:

for openness, so we may be surprised by God's grace;

for humility, so we may be changed by Christ's compassion;

for discernment, so we may hear Christ calling us;

for courage, so we may take the steps to answer.

Let us worship the Living God,

the One who is our reason for praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
- GTG #618

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fred Hartsook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You shower us with blessings, with chances to
know your grace.**

**Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray
for blessings we can own.**

You call us to leave our selfish ways and

follow your call to compassion.
Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over
transformative faith.
You have told us that your love is enough,
that the waters of mercy will not run dry.
Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust,
hiding behind the illusion that we can survive
on our own.
Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
offer us a chance to try again.

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

Psalms 130, pgs. 573-574

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, pgs. 275-276

SERMON

"God Saves"

Fred Hartsook

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Song Is Love Unknown" - GTG 209

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - GTG #39

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

"Idyll" (MacDowell)

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, July 4, 2021

God Unites - 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

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!

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Summer Church Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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: Martin Luther King Jr / Rosa Parks

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.

BRINGING HOME GODLY PLAY

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, June 27th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 130 (worship)

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (preaching)

Psalm 30

Job 38:1-11

Lamentations 3:22-33

Mark 5:21-43

St. James Book Club is currently reading Bill Browder's *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice*, A financial caper, a crime thriller, and a political crusade, **Red Notice** is the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world. We will be meeting Monday evening July 19th @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

PRIDE SUNDAY RESOURCES

Carla Shafer will be making an announcement today about some of the ways St. James supports LGBTQIA+ resources in our denomination and beyond.

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: 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)