



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 6, 2021

"God Responds" 1 Samuel 8:4-11

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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**

"Gigue" by B. Wagner  
St. James Handbell Choir

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Hill

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The love of Christ is poured out for us.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - GTG #415

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You have called us blessed, O God, and  
washed us in the waters of grace.**

**You have called us a family, O God, and bound  
us by the presence of your Spirit.**

**Forgive us, O Holy One, when we try to forget  
that we belong to you:**

**when we bind ourselves to the illusion of  
independence,**

the myth of supremacy,  
or the fear of what might happen if we placed  
our trust in something beyond ourselves.  
Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your  
forgiveness,  
free us from all that keeps us bound.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**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**

Psalms 138, p.577

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON READING**

1 Samuel 8:4-11, p.251

**SERMON**

“God Responds”

Rev. Seth Thomas

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"This is My Father's World" - GTG #370

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Ah, So Pure”

played by Aaron Caruso and Jenny Sue LeSchander

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

## THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### WELCOME TO THE TABLE

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.**

### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"To God Be the Glory" - GTG #634

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

### BLESSING & CHARGE

Rev. Seth Thomas

### POSTLUDE

"He That Dwelleth", performed by Dave & Pat Nelson

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*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 13, 2021**

**God Sees - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

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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>.**

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## **GODLY PLAY: Harriet Tubman**

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](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org)

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, June 6th, the lectionary texts are:

Psalm 138(worship)

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (preaching)

Psalm 130

Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 4:26-34

## **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).

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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**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/>

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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 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)**