



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 11, 2021

"No Longer Strangers: The Family" Ephesians 1:3-14

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION

*Welcome. As in-person worship begins to resume this summer,  
remember that you can still join us online on our website...*

*Please visit [www.saintjamespres.org/contact](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share  
how we can be of support!*

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit*

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## PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tracy Caruso

We worship God with song and dance,  
**singing God's praise and shouting for joy.**

We worship God with silence and sighs,  
**grieving for loss and longing for comfort.**

We worship God with prayers and hands,  
**praying for healing and working for peace.**

Let us create a sabbath space  
**and worship the God who gives us life.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" - GTG #35

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know that you call your people to lives of  
service and works of justice.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives  
just loud enough to drown out your call.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days  
just busy enough to convince ourselves  
that we have a righteous excuse.**

We know that you work for the healing of all that  
is broken in the world.

**Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and free us 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**

Psalm 85:8-13, pgs. 543-544

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

#### **SERMON READING**

Ephesians 1:3-14, pg. 192

#### **SERMON**

"No Longer Strangers: The Family" Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Amazing Grace" - GTG #649

## **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

"Threnody" (Vine)

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - GTG #306

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

### \*BLESSING & CHARGE

### POSTLUDE

"Intermezzo in A" (Brahms)

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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, July 18, 2021**

**No Longer Strangers: Breaking Down the Walls - Ephesians 2:11-22**

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Save the Date! **The Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, August 1st** at the Fairhaven Park Picnic Shelter. To respect ongoing concerns about food and drink serving, this will be a "bring your own picnic lunch" event. The Deacons will provide individually wrapped treats for dessert.

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## **GODLY PLAY: John Lewis**

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, July 11th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 85:8-13 (worship)

Ephesians 1:3-14 (preaching)

Psalm 24

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Amos 7:7-15

Mark 6:14-29

**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. Library copies are available in the church office. We will be meeting Monday evening July 19th @ 7:00. Email [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

**Compassion Camp is Back!** This year we will be in person! Each Sunday from July 25<sup>th</sup> - August 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon -1:30 **all ages**, not just kids, are welcome to come for a time of music, games, and crafts! This year our theme is lovingkindness, and we will learn more about how to show compassion and lovingkindness to ourselves and others! We will need lots of volunteers and participants, so let Tracy know if you are able to join, even if it's just for one Sunday!

## **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: most church activities have moved to on-line forums, where applicable. Contact your group leader for details.**

Next Sunday

In-Person Worship at 10:30am and  
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)**