



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 18, 2021

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

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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!*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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## **PRELUDE**

"Strange Meadowlark" (Brubeck) Luke Arnold

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Hill, Lector

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

**Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.**

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

**The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "In Christ There Is No East or West" - GTG #317

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.**

**Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.**

**You have called us to tend your sheep:**

**to care for your people around the world,**

**to share what we have, and to reflect your love.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,**

**when our love for our neighbors is empty,**

**and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.**

**Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short,  
and by your forgiveness,  
free us to try again.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

### **INVITATION TO COMPASSION CAMP**

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 23, pg. 501

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON READING**

Ephesians 2:11-22, pgs. 192-193

#### **SERMON**

"No Longer Strangers: Breaking Down the Walls"  
Rev. Seth Thomas

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

"This Is My Song" - GTG #340

## **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

"La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin" (Debussy)

### \*DOXOLOGY

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG #717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you,  
Living what we pray and sing.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"For Everyone Born" - GTG #769

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

### \*BLESSING & CHARGE

### POSTLUDE

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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 25, 2021**

**No Longer Strangers: God's Powerful Love - Ephesians 3:14-21**

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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.

## ST. JAMES STAFF

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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 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 18th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 23 (worship)

Ephesians 2:11-22 (preaching)

Psalm 89:20-37

2nd Samuel 7:1-14a

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**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 tomorrow, Monday evening July 19th @ 7:00pm. 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** (in building)  
**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 part-time)  
**Linda's Tai Chi** (in building)  
**Overeaters Anon**  
**South Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**WA Gender Alliance**  
**Whatcom Weavers Guild**  
**You Are Not Alone (YANA)**



**All Ages Welcome!!**

**Sundays**

**July 25th - August 22nd**

**12-1:30pm**

**Bible Stories**

**Music**

**Games**

**Crafts**

**Yoga**