



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 25, 2021

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

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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

Luke Arnold

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kyle Anderson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Come, you who hunger for food.

**Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.**

Come, you who hunger for justice.

**Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.**

Come, you who hunger for life.

**Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - GTG #12

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kyle Anderson

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ,

when the crowds surrounded you, hungry for

bread and for your word,

you took an offering—five loaves, two fish—

and made for them a feast.

Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace.

Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.  
Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.  
Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more  
generous people.  
Empower us to share the gift of our lives,  
and enlighten us to see the miracles around us.  
For you are the giver of grace upon grace,  
the one who turns want into plenty.

## **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**

Psalm 145:10-18, pg. 581

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **SERMON READING**

Ephesians 3:14-21, pg. 193

#### **SERMON**

"No Longer Strangers: God's Powerful Love"

Rev. Kyle Anderson

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

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

- GTG #423

## **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

"Dem Bones" (compiled by Jim Gresham)

### \*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

"Take My Life" - GTG #697

## 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 and refreshments outside on the 14th Street patio, to your left as you leave the sanctuary. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and friendship to everyone.*

**Next Week, August 1, 2021**

**Pulpit Swap - Rev. Janice Smith - Micah 6:8 - "Walk Humbly"**

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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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### **COMPASSION CAMP: Session 1 “All Around Me”**

Compassion Jumps into action! By jumping into action, we help ease someone’s hurt because we have seen and empathized with how they feel. As we practice identifying and naming our own emotions, we are able to recognize them better in others. Participants will also see there are opportunities all around us to act

with compassion and to receive it as well. Through Miriam’s story, the participants will learn the central principles of empathy and compassion. Participants will learn that when we cultivate compassion within ourselves and each other, compassion ripples out to others.

### **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, July 18th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 145:10-18 (worship)

Ephesians 3:14-21 (preaching)

Psalm 14

2nd Samuel 11:1-15

2nd Kings 4:42-44

John 6:1-21

**St. James Book Club** is currently reading *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel. We will be meeting Monday evening August 16th @ 7:00. Email [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

### **Help wanted - Lectors and Ushers!**

We need people to lector and usher. If you're so inclined to share your gifts in this way, please let Jenny Sue know specific dates you're willing to serve, or go to the website to sign up online. Thank you!

### **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                      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** (in building)  
**AA Men's Book Study Group** (in building)  
**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**  
**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**