



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

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

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 to share
how we can be of support!*

PRELUDE

"Impromptu in G-flat" (Schubert) Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Why do we come to worship God?

We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.

What is this blessing that we seek?

We seek an encounter with our God,

**who washes us in mercy, calls us to service,
and fills us with love.**

Let us worship God together.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - GTG #65

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are love, O God, and you have loved us
from the beginning.

Forgive us when we do not share your love
with the world:

**when we choose selfishness over compassion;
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;**

**when we value independence over community.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again,
and let your love lead the way.**

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 48, pg. 518

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, pg. 279

SERMON

"God Unites"

Rev. Seth Thomas

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Will You Come and Follow Me" - GTG # 726

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Tornquist)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" GTG 661

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

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 11, 2021

No Longer Strangers - Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastor Seth will be away on vacation July 6 through 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.

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

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GODLY PLAY: Ruby Bridges

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, July 4th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 48 (worship)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (preaching)

Psalm 123

Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email office@saintjamespres.org.



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 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.

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

In-Person Worship at 10:30am and
Streamed Sunday Worship Service

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

To protect those who are immune-compromised or who are not yet eligible for vaccination, those who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 MUST wear a mask and maintain a safe distance from others who are not from their own household while in the church building.

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 Al-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)