

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 24, 2021

“Christ Welcomes All” - Hebrews 7:23-28

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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**

Sarah Condreay

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah Condreay, Lector

Come, you who are weary.

**Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.**

Come, you who are joyful.

**Join in God’s praise with the choir of the saints.**

Come, you who are doubting.

**Behold the one who brings sight to the blind.**

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - GTG #465

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

**Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,  
for it is a blindness we have chosen.**

**We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,  
turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,  
and blur our faces in the mirror,  
lest we recognize your image.**

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

**Heal us of our blindness,  
and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.**

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

## **STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT - INTERFAITH COALITION & MISSIONS**

### **\*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 126 pgs. 572-573

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON READING**

Hebrews 7:23-28 pg. 222

#### **SERMON**

"Christ Welcomes All" Rev. Deanna Wildermuth

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

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" - GTG #452

## **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

### \*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

"Be Thou My Vision" - GTG #450

## 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 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, October 31, 2021**

**Reformation Day "Christ's Body, All of Us" Hebrews 9:11-14**

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## **GODLY PLAY: The 10 Best Ways**

In this story we continue to witness God's elusive presence with God's People on 3 occasions at Mt. Sinai: First in the burning bush when God revealed to Moses the name of God. Second, when God gave the Ten Commandments to the people through Moses. Third, when, after breaking the tablet in anger, Moses climbed up to Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments a second time.

The Godly Play room will open at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time, with the lesson starting at 10:35am. Students will be brought back to the service for the last hymn.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, October 24th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalms 126 (worship)

Hebrews 7:23-28 (preaching)

Psalms 34:1-8

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mark 10:46-52

**BOOK DISCUSSION** Join us Sunday mornings beginning on September 26th at 9:00 am on Zoom for a book discussion led by Jennie McLaurin on her new book ***Designed to Heal***. Let Seth or Tracy know if you need a copy of the book.

**ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB** is currently reading "*Unsheltered*" by Barbara Kingsolver. "*Unsheltered*" is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future. We will be meeting Monday, November 15th at 7:00pm. Email [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link. Books are available in the church office.

**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 In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a>
Monday, 10/25	5:00pm, Tai Chi 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 10/26	10:00am, Women’s Bible Study 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Thursday, 10/28	4:00pm, St. James Fitness

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## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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**St. James Presbyterian Church is open for worship and building use! Before entering the church building, however, please make sure you are wearing a mask that covers both your nose and mouth.**

**Masks are REQUIRED indoors for all those 5 years and up, regardless of vaccination status. This policy is in accordance with current Washington State guidelines on masking.**

**Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19!**

**<https://saintjamespres.org/maskpolicy>**

**AA Fairhaven Group** (in building)  
**AA Men's Book Study Group** (in building)  
**AA SOS Men's Group** (in building)  
**AA WITS Women's Group** (in building beginning 11/2/2021)  
**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** (in building)  
**South Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**WA Gender Alliance**  
**Whatcom Weavers Guild**  
**You Are Not Alone (YANA)**

## **NOTES**

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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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