



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 15, 2022

A Letter of Hope from the End of the World

"I am Making Everything New"

Revelation 21:1-6

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
how God is moving in your life.*

*Please visit www.saintjamespres.org/contact to share
how we can be of support!*

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Sue LeSchander, Lector

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the name of the Lord,

and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

for people near and people far,

for people present and people to come,

for the young and for those wise with age.

Come, let us praise the Lord;

come, let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is My Father's World" - GTG #370

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.**

You command us to care for all of creation,

**yet we neglect the earth
and abuse nature through carelessness.**

You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,

yet we too often walk our own way.

Forgive us, O God.

Guide us as we work toward

a new heaven here on earth.

Lead us to reconciliation

and a vision for your beloved community,

as we share your love with your people everywhere.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***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 148 pgs. 582- 583

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Revelation 21:1-6 pg. 259

SERMON

"I Am Making Everything New"

Rev. Seth Thomas

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Rory Anderson, Sam King

INSTALLATION OF DEACON

Amy Morriss

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"For Everyone Born" - GTG #769

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

"Beautiful Things" by Gungor

***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**

***SINGING WELCOME AS CHILDREN RETURN TO SANCTUARY**

Welcome, children, welcome, we are glad you're here.

Welcome, children, welcome. Now to God draw near.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"There is a Balm in Gilead" - GTG #792

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 following worship. Please introduce
yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and
friendship to everyone.*

Next Week, May 22, 2022
A Letter of Hope from the End of the World: Revelation
“The City of Blinding Light” - Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

GODLY PLAY: Knowing Jesus in a New Way Part 4: Known in the Morning
The season of Eastertide extends Easter for six weeks and helps prepare for Pentecost. This period is a time of transition between Jesus' early ministry and the oncoming of the Holy Spirit. It is a time when the disciples, and others, began to know Jesus in a new way.

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 upstairs for the final hymn.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, May 8th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 148 (worship)

Revelations 21:1-6 (preaching)

Psalm 24:1-6

Leviticus 19:9-18

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB is currently reading *Be Frank with Me* by Julia Clairborne Johnson. *Be Frank with Me* is a captivating and unconventional story of an unusual mother and son, and the intrepid young woman who finds herself irresistibly pulled into their unforgettable world. We will meet tomorrow evening, Monday May 16th at 7:00pm. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link. Books are available in the church office.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Watch for the sign-up calendar in the Horizon Room if you are interested in bringing flowers for the Pulpit. Please contact Cheryl McGregor if you have any questions.

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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



CREATION CAMP Vacation Bible School is back!

June 27th-30th 9am-11:30am

Registration opens April 11th for kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Join us for Godly Play stories, crafts, music, games, science projects, and more! We will also need volunteers before, during, and after camp! Let Tracy know if you are interested in registering or volunteering, or if you have any questions!

Registration link:

<https://fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1225429>

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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

Monday, 5/16	4:00pm, St. James Fitness 5:00pm, Tai Chi 7:00pm, Boy Scouts 7:00pm, Book Club - (zoom)
Tuesday, 5/17	7:30pm, Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 5/19	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Next Sunday, 5/22	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY



St. James Presbyterian Church is open for worship and building use! Before entering the church building, however, please be aware of the current Community Level for Whatcom County. When Whatcom County is in a High level of Covid-19 transmission, all those 5 years and older must wear a surgical, N95 or KN95 mask while in the church building. Use the QR code to check the current Community Level.

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)
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)

HLS (in building)
Interfaith Coalition (in building)
Linda's Tai Chi (in building)
Overeaters Anon (in building)
South Hill Neighborhood Assoc.
WA Gender Alliance
Whatcom Weavers Guild
You Are Not Alone (YANA)

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**St. James Sunday morning worship continues to be held online
as well as in-person.**

**You can access online worship through
our website at www.saintjamespres.org/live,
the St. James Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saintjamespres
or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88335387843>.**

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