



August 21, 2022  
"Distorted Disciples: Thomas"  
John 20:19-31

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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*  
*how God is moving in your life.*

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**

Alex Amick

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nicki Lang

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

Faye Hill, Lector

God is our rock and our refuge,  
**a strong and mighty fortress.**  
Beloved, people of light, come;  
the Lord is our hope.  
**Let us worship God!**

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

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" - GTG #687

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God of mercy,**  
**we confess that we live self-centered lives.**  
**We tolerate injustice and cruelty,**  
**complacent in our corner of the world.**  
**We neglect the needs of others.**  
**In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us.**  
**Turn us to your way and lead us in your light,**  
**that we might serve you and care for all of creation.**

## **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 27:7-14 pgs. 503-504

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **SERMON READING**

John 20:19-31 pg. 115

#### **SERMON**

"Distorted Disciples: Thomas"

Nicki Lang

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - GTG #39

## **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**

Brahms Sonata #2 for Clarinet & Piano, 1st Mvt.  
Alex Amick, Piano; Jim Gresham, Clarinet

#### **\*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**

"Amazing Grace" - GTG #649

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

**Next Week, August 28, 2022**  
**Ryan Pemberton - Guest Preacher**  
**(Seth at all church retreat)**

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## **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).

## **NOTES**

## **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.

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, August 21st, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalm 27:7-14 (worship)

John 20:19-31 (preaching)

Psalm 71:1-6

Psalm 103:1-8

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

## **PRESBYTERIAN BASICS**

Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian, long term St. James member, new to St. James or exploring your faith, we invite you to join us Tuesdays in September at 7:00 pm beginning Tuesday September 4th as Pastor Seth leads us in examining the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions. We will dive into what it means to be Presbyterian and what our faith is all about.

**ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB** is currently reading *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. It tells the story of a brother and sister, Danny and Maeve Conroy, who grow up in a mansion known as the Dutch House, and their lives over five decades. We will meet the third Monday of September, September 19th at 7:00pm. Email [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link. Books will be available in the church office beginning August 28th.

## 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.**

Monday, 8/22	4:00pm, St. James Fitness 5:00pm, Tai Chi 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
Thursday, 8/25	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Friday - Sunday	All Church Retreat at Warm Beach
Next Sunday, 8/28	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a>

## 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 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 well-fitting mask. Use the QR code to check the current Community Level.**

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

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

**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)**

**Happy Hour Al-Anon** (in building)  
**Linda's Tai Chi** (in building)  
**Overeaters Anon** (in building)  
**South Hill Neighborhood Assoc.**  
**Whatcom Weavers Guild**  
**Boy Scouts Troop 7** (in building)

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

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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>.**

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