



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 2, 2022

"Companionship and Mental Health"

Luke 24:13-32 - Guest preacher, Lee Kosa

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 to share how we can be of support!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Ta Wei Tsai

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Kosa

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alice Bailey, Lector

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"For the Beauty of the Earth - GTG #14

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, by the power of your Spirit, you are present among us.
Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst.
We do not realize you are walking beside us,
for we are rushing to meet the demands
of hectic schedules and overcrowded lives.
We do not notice you in everyday encounters,
for we are distracted by daily labors
and consumed by our own concerns.
We do not recognize you on our streets or at our tables,
for our expectations are too limited
to imagine all the ways you dwell among us.
Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst,
so that—seeing you clearly—
we might follow you faithfully.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 pgs. 564-565

SERMON READING

Luke 24:13-32 pg. 90

SERMON “Companionship and Mental Health”

Guest: Lee Kosa

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” - GTG #306

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gymnopédie No. 1, by Erik Satie

Ta Wei Tsai

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Janice Smith

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

“The Risen Christ” - GTG #257

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, October 9, 2022
Season of Healing – Gratitude

GODLY PLAY: The Story of Abraham and the Story of Sarah
These stories enrich the story of the Great Family by telling more about
Abraham and Sarah, the father and mother of the great family.

For Communion Sunday, children will begin in the service and hear the
story with the entire congregation. They will be taken downstairs for their
work time and then will return for communion.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week,
October 2th, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalms 137

Lamentations 1:1-16; 3:19-26

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (worship)

Luke 24:13-32 (preaching)

YOUTH GROUP The Youth Group will be meeting today after service until
1pm for the first of three classes in our *Won't You Be My Neighbor* series.
Snacks will be provided. We hope all our middle and high school students
can join us!

FALL CLEANING DAY We will be cleaning out the stage area on Sunday
October 16th. If there is anything you would like the church to save, please
make sure to remove it from behind the stage area before Oct. 16th. If you
would like to help clean, please join us after church on Oct. 16th for the
Great Fall Purge!

SANCTUARY MENTAL HEALTH COURSE This Tuesday, October 4, we begin an 8 week educational opportunity focusing on Mental Health. The Sanctuary Course provides an excellent integration of how our faith and life together connect with our mental health and the struggles we face on a psychological and social level. Come to learn, process, and explore how we can support each other. Tuesdays, 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall.



ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH

Sunday, Oct 23

In Fellowship Hall following worship
Deacon's provide everything
A fellowship opportunity with your
Deacon and parish members

SKOOKUM KIDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Skookum Kids is one of the local agencies that St. James supports financially. Skookum is doing wonderful work in our community, helping children in urgent need of foster homes. In the past year, their accomplishments include:

- More than 70 children have been given emergency shelter
- 7 new families were trained and licensed for the important job of foster parenting
- 11 children exited one of their foster homes to reunify with their families
- 9 children were adopted by their foster family

Skookum Kids' annual fund-raiser, a dinner and silent auction, will be held on Friday October 28, at the Bellwether Hotel, and St. James folks are warmly encouraged to attend. The cost is \$70 per person which will cover the cost of the affair, while all proceeds from the auction will go to SK's program needs. Tickets for the event are only available on-line (not available at the door) at

<https://give.skookumkids.org/event/eat-drink-and-be-giving/e415338>.

If you would like to sit at one of their tables at the event, contact Randy Pries (randypries@gmail.com) or Ray Dellecker (rdellecker@gmail.com). Or if you have questions contact Randy, Ray, or Pastor Seth. Hope to see you on October 28.

INTERFAITH WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our congregation, along with other churches in Bellingham, is being asked to help out with the annual Winter Coat Drive sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition. They are in need of coats for babies, children, teens and adults in all sizes. The outwear may be gently used, but it must be clean. Hats, gloves and scarves are accepted as well. Beginning October 1st there will be a box in the entry way below the coat racks. The final day to bring them to our church is Sunday, October 9th. They are in need of lots, so feel free to share this with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Contact Gena Gustafson 253-677-6006 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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

Monday, 10/3	4:00pm, St. James Fitness 5:00pm, Tai Chi 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 10/4	5:00pm, Building & Grounds 7:00pm, Sanctuary Mental Health course
Wednesday, 10/5	10:00am, Personnel 4:00pm, Mission & Social Action 6:00pm, Finance 7:00pm, CFF
Thursday, 10/6	4:00pm, St. James Fitness 7:30p, Choir Rehearsal 🎵🎶
Next Sunday, 10/9	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Session

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 well-fitting 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 Grateful Hearts Women's 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) (in building)
Boy Scouts Troop 7 (in building)
Happy Hour Al-Anon (in building)
Linda's Tai Chi (in building)
Little Sapling Music (in building)
Overeaters Anon (in building)
The Table Church (in building)
Whatcom Weavers Guild (in building)

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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,

the St. James Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saintjamespres

or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88335387843>.

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