



June 11, 2023

"Psalms: Happiness"

Psalm 33

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*

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Ta Wei Tsai

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lindsay Anderson

We say we come to worship to be with God,
but the beautiful truth is:

God is already with us.

God is always with us.

So in this time together,
**let us lift our voices in praise
of this loving, ever-present God!**

MILESTONE SUNDAY

Tracy Caruso

A celebration of all our children and youth with special recognition for
milestones, nursery staff, and Godly Play volunteers.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" - GTG #59

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**we acknowledge our guilt,
and seek your face and your forgiveness.**

**For we have not offered steadfast love
to you or each other.**

**We have not moved forward in faith,
but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.**

**Revive us, raise us up,
that we might live before you,
rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.**

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

Matthew 9:9-13 pg. 9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal
By Rene Clausen
SJPC Choir

SERMON READING

Psalm 33 pgs. 507-508

SERMON

"Psalms: Happiness"

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Jesus Calls Us" - GTG #720

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

Captivate Us

Words and Music by Charlie Hall, Christy Nockels, and Nathan Nockels
Jessica Parks, Voice

***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**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

- GTG #839

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, June 18, 2023
Psalm 116: Grateful

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

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.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time in the lounge. At 10:30, children will go downstairs to Godly Play, and adults will go upstairs to worship. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts this week,

June 11th, the Lectionary texts are:

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (worship)

Psalms 33 (sermon)

Genesis 12:1-9

Hosea 5:15- 6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

VBS SNACKS NEEDED!

We need donations of certain food items for VBS. See Tracy for signup cards. Food needs to be at St. James NO LATER than Sunday morning June 25th.

MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION

Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering which helps guide young people in Christian formation from their early years to adulthood. 40% of our collection stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. The other 60% supports young adult volunteers serving in communities around the world, youth ministries like Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and to improve education for at-risk youth. You can give through the St. James website with the drop down tab for Pentecost offering, or in the collection envelopes that will be distributed in your bulletin on the 18th and collected on the 25th. You may also give online pcusa.org/donatepentecost. Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation.

NOTES

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 6/12	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Thursday, 6/13	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Next Sunday, 6/18	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Deacons

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....	Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....	Wednesdays
Bayside Co-op Preschool.....	Monday-Friday during school year
Bellingham Community Chorus.....	Tuesdays September-April
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG).....	1st Saturday of each month
Boy Scouts Troop 7.....	Mondays
Happy Hour Al-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Liberation Yoga.....	TBD
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Whatcom Weavers Guild.....	TBD
World Peace Poets.....	TBD

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

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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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