



October 1, 2023

"Remember the Future"

Numbers 13

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Hartsook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Kosa

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Here in This Place" - GTG #401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.

We have complained in the face of your mercy.

We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice.

We have not done your will.

Teach us humility.

Teach us gratitude.

Infuse your spirit into our beings

so that we might be reconciled to you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 78:1-4, 12-16 pgs. 537-538

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

How Beautiful

Words & music by Twila Paris, choral setting by Lloyd Larson

SJPC Choir

SERMON READING

Numbers pgs. 130-131

SERMON

"Remember the Future"

Fred Hartsook

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts"

- GTG #356

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Daisies

By Sergei Rachmaninoff

Ta Wei Tsai, Piano

***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

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**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
- GTG #265

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 8, 2023

"Breaking with the Past" Philippians 3:4b-14

In consideration of others, please refrain from wearing heavy perfumes and scents, and please silence your cell phones before the service.

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

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

GODLY PLAY: The Great Family

We continue to seek the elusive presence of God. God was present at creation, blessing all that was made. Noah walked with God and was led by God's presence to build the ark that preserved life. Now Abraham and Sarah discover that God is present everywhere, putting their lives on the line to test the promises of God.

We hope you will join us at 10:15am for songs and memory verse time in the lounge. At 10:30, children and adults will stay upstairs to begin worship time together. Children will go downstairs after our story and will be brought back upstairs for communion.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts, this week, October 1st, the Lectionary texts are:

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (worship)

Psalms 25:1-9

Exodus 17:1-7

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Matthew 21:23-32

Fred Hartsook will be preaching on Numbers 13

WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM

COATS are **NEEDED** as well as hats, gloves and scarves by our neighbors preparing for winter on the streets of Whatcom County and for those who realize a needed coat is not in their budget. We will be collecting these clean items in good condition for children, men and women, now through October 10. There is a designated place for your donation inside our church's main entrance.

The coats will be shared by our partner, Interfaith Coalition.

Questions: Gretchen Pfueller gmpfueller@gmail.com

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS!

Our Sunday morning adult education class is back. Running from September 17 to November 12 from 9am-10am every Sunday morning. Jeff King, a retired psychology professor, will introduce us to some of the emerging correlations between modern psychology and the scriptures. We hope you will join us on any or all of the Sundays for a time of learning, engaging, contemplation, and discussion. Handouts will be provided at the beginning of each class. Childcare will be provided. Contact Tracy if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, 10/2	Office closed in observance of Labor Day 4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Tuesday, 10/3	5:30, Building & Grounds (zoom)
Wednesday, 10/4	8:30am, Toddler Time 4:00pm, Mission & Social Action 5:00pm, Finance 5:30pm, CFF
Thursday, 10/5	4:00pm, St. James Fitness
Next Sunday, 10/8	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/ 12:00pm, Session

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group.....	Sundays/ Thursdays
AA Grateful Hearts Women's mtg.....	Mondays
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 AI-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Liberation Yoga.....	5/5/2023
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
South Hill Neighborhood Assoc.....	TBD
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Whatcom Weavers Guild.....	TBD

NOTES

ST. JAMES STAFF

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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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